OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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Meetings for Field Service

JANUARY 8-14

Current Topic for Conversation

1. Go over paragraphs three and four of Presenting the Good News, discussing how to use Matthew 6:9, 10.
2. What adjustments in this conversation might be advisable for our territory?

JANUARY 15-21

Introductions

1. How can we show friendliness to householders?
2. What subjects interest householders in our territory?
3. How do you determine what interests a specific person?

JANUARY 22-28

Coping with Indifference

1. Why do we keep going in field service even though many householders are indifferent? (Ezek. 2:7)
2. How do you keep from letting householders' indifference affect your joy?
3. With whom should we leave the judgment of individuals we meet? (Acts 10:34, 35, 42)

JANUARY 29–FEBRUARY 4

Keeping House-to-House Record

1. Why is it of value for us to keep a house-to-house record?
2. What do you write on your house-to-house record? Why?
3. What is the value of keeping one record of those not at home and a separate one for placements and return visits?

God's Kingdom Is the Solution

1 Do you remember how you felt when you first grasped the significance of God's kingdom? It is, indeed, glorious good news! As you have read accounts of Jesus' life you have observed that the Kingdom is the message that he kept to the fore. Zealously he preached it and he urged his followers to do the same. At Matthew 10:7, he said: "As you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of the heavens has drawn near.'" Have 19 centuries of time diminished the power and force of God's kingdom? Not at all!

THE MESSAGE HAS NOT CHANGED

2 Over the centuries, governments of all kinds have come and gone. The inadequacy of human governments has been eloquently underscored, but one thing remains firm, real and brimming with hope, namely, God's kingdom backed by the irresistible power of the Sovereign Lord of the Universe. How grateful we can be to have the privilege of sharing that hope with all who will listen!—Rom. 15:13.

3 We are now more than 64 years into the "time of the end." How should this affect us? For one thing, more than ever before, we can see that the Kingdom is the only solution to man's ills. And we know that only those who put their full confidence in it will survive the "great tribulation." Thus, it is more urgent than ever before that people have the opportunity to hear about God's kingdom and be encouraged to take their stand on its side.—Rom. 10:13-15.

ANNOUNCING JEHOVAH'S KINGDOM

4 Of course, when talking with people we want to be adaptable and converse with them on topics that interest them. But no matter what we might use to *catch* their interest, the real solution is God's kingdom and this is the thought we want to *leave* with them. Now, how might we do this to the best advantage?

5 Many of us may elect to start our conversation by inquiring how the householder feels about the high cost of living, family problems, unemployment, crime and violence, and so forth. Likely, we will get a ready response that these are *difficult* times for many. Or, suppose we choose to ask: "Do you think the time will come when we will not need locks, alarm systems, security forces, and so forth, to

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Are We Allowing God's Spirit to Operate Freely?

1 To Christians in Rome, Paul wrote: "Do not loiter at your business. Be aglow with the spirit. Slave for Jehovah. Rejoice in the hope." (Rom. 12:11, 12) How does one become "aglow with the spirit"? Is it just a matter of asking God? It is true that God must give the spirit before one can "be aglow" with it, and Luke 11:13 speaks of God as giving "holy spirit to those asking him." But it is not automatic, is it? It is somewhat like getting electric power from the power company or water from the water company. The supply is there, usually in abundance, but they will provide it only for those who meet certain qualifications. So it is with God's holy spirit. There is no shortage, but we must qualify for it by cultivating a right heart condition and by learning and conforming to God's requirements. (Acts 15:8; 5:32) Diligence in meeting these qualifications is needed if we are truly going to be "aglow with the spirit."

HOW GOD'S SPIRIT OPERATES FREELY

2 As a person can draw on electric power by putting a plug into an outlet and he can get water by turning on a faucet, so we open the way for God's spirit to operate in our lives when we take some action. For example, we benefit from the operation of holy spirit (1) when we personally study God's inspired Word (2 Tim. 3:16; Josh. 1:8), (2) when we attend meetings where that Word is discussed (Heb. 10:24, 25; 1 Cor. 14:24, 25), (3) when we give a witness to others about the good things contained in the Bible (Acts 1:8; John 14:26), (4) when our actions toward our Christian brothers and sisters demonstrate love, which is a fruit of God's spirit (1 John 3:14, 16-18; Gal. 5:22), (5) when we respond appreciatively to the oversight of elders who have been appointed by holy spirit (Acts 20:28; Eph. 4:8, 11-16), and (6) when we turn to God in prayer and ask for his help (Luke 11:13). On the other hand, at Ephesians 4:30 we are told: "Do not be grieving God's holy spirit." So we need to avoid conduct that is out of harmony with God's spirit, which is a holy, or clean, force.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Talk About the Kingdom

¹ God's kingdom is the only solution to the world's problems. Yet literally millions upon millions of people do not know this, even though many of them at one time or another have heard that kingdom mentioned. What can we do to help them appreciate the significance of God's kingdom in their lives?

² Perhaps one of the more simple approaches we can make to people is to help them to reason on something that many of them already know. What is that? The Lord's Prayer. In Matthew 6:9, 10, we find the model prayer Jesus gave, asking for God's will to be done on earth as in heaven. Just how might we present the matter? Maybe something along the following lines will be appealing. After a short introduction of yourself to the householder, say:

³ "I'm sure you are interested in the security of your family and home, especially in today's world where there are so many things that undermine that security. Most people look to some means of protection. They may have extra locks on their doors, or alarms, or a dog to sound a warning when strangers approach. [Get householder's reaction.] The Bible promises the best possible means of security for all mankind. You may have asked God in prayer many times for this means of security without knowing it. [Read Matthew 6:9, 10.] Have you ever thought of the Lord's Prayer as holding the answer to the need for real security for mankind? Really, the kingdom of God is the solution to the problems mankind faces." From that point on, depending on the reception you have received, you can proceed with the conversation, or make an offer of the *Watchtower* subscription or other publications to the householder.

⁴ A briefer approach could be along the following lines. After you introduce yourself, say: "We are calling because of a common concern we share as to one of mankind's most pressing needs—for peace and security. The solution is found in the familiar words of the Lord's Prayer at Matthew 6:9, 10. [Read.] I'm sure that this God-given solution is of interest to you." From there proceed with the conversation or the offer you may wish to make to the householder.

⁵ It is good to remember that in advocating God's kingdom as the solution to mankind's problems, your conviction and sincerity will go a long way toward helping the honest-hearted ones you meet to take seriously what you say. If their hearts are drawn toward God, it can be your happy privilege to assist them to take the necessary steps to become disciples of Jesus Christ, our King. Why not try using this scripture during the coming months as you seek to help others know that God's kingdom is the solution.

Meetings . . . Make Disciples *(Cont'd)*

points gleaned from material discussed at the meetings. They may use it in making a personal decision, in informal witnessing or when going from house to house or on return visits. We would like to hear their experiences on this program. This should not be a review of the meetings but should highlight how material from the meetings has actually been used.

Chairman should select points from the *Watchtower* material, book study material and public talk material that COULD be used but perhaps was not, and work this into the three 10-minute parts as time permits. Ask friends: "How COULD we have used this point in field service, in making decisions, in helping our children, in informal witnessing, and so forth?" Tell congregation that we are going to do this again next month.

5 min: Song 64 and prayer.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

God's Kingdom Is the Solution.

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

- Please note that starting January 1, 1979, congregations will be charged $1.90 for each one-year subscription submitted at publisher rate. This is the rate shown in the Cost List and on the Weekly Subscriptions form (M-203).
- Literature offer for February and March: The book *Making Your Family Life Happy* for 35c.
- The price for *Watchtower* and *Awake!* binders has been increased to $2.50 each. This will be the price for the public, congregations and pioneers.
- Effective immediately, the Byington translation, known as *The Bible in Living English,* will cost $8.00 for the public, $7.75 for congregation publishers, and $4.00 for pioneers.
- In the future, the secretary of the congregation will be responsible for keeping the meeting attendance records for the congregation, instead of the Bible study overseer. If the secretary keeps these records, it is felt that there will be easier access to these records both by other elders and by

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God's Kingdom Is the Solution *(Cont'd)*

protect our life and property from lawless people?" Regardless of the response to either of these inquiries (or similar ones), we always want to point to the real remedy, God's kingdom. How can we do this? By asking at an opportune time in our conversation: "What do you think the solution to this problem is?" Or, "Is God going to do anything about this? What do you think?" These questions can help to steer the conversation in the right direction.

THE REAL SOLUTION

⁶ By identifying God's kingdom as the real solution, we focus attention not merely on social problems, but on the permanent solution to these problems. While it is fitting to start out with something that puts us on a common level with the householder, we should always try to finish with the real solution, God's kingdom. If we were to discuss at great length some social issue and what we and others might do to improve the situation, we would be missing the mark; we would be talking about temporary relief when we know the permanent cure.

⁷ So, as we offer the *Watchtower* subscription during January (with a free 384- or 416-page book or the *"Eternal Purpose"* book), we should stress the real solution for all of man's ills, as *The Watchtower* itself does. Appropriately, the new topic for conversation centers around Matthew 6:9, 10, but you may use another text if your territory seems to require it. Try it, using the suggestions in Presenting the Good News. "God's Kingdom Is the Solution" will be our topic for conversation for the next four months. Our being upbuilding and positive in the way we discuss God's kingdom will no doubt appeal to the hearts of many householders who long for a real solution to problems that face us all.

OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	663	116.0	39.5	4.0	116.7
Pios.	14,171	85.7	32.7	3.2	83.3
Aux. Pios.	22,259	61.0	18.5	1.3	60.2
Pubs.	496,688	8.3	3.6	.4	10.0
TOTAL	533,781				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,761

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life Does Have a Purpose:*

January 7: Pages 5 to 12*
January 14: Pages 12 to 22*
January 21: Pages 22 to 30
January 28: Pages 31 to 37

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FEBRUARY 5-11

Using the "Family Life" Book

1. Discuss points from Presenting the Good News (pars. 1-4) on how you might offer the "Family Life" book.
2. Have someone in the group demonstrate use of the current Topic for Conversation.
3. What additional ways have you found helpful to get people into a discussion of points in the book?

FEBRUARY 12-18

Working with One's Own Family

1. When offering "Family Life" book, why could it be beneficial to work with your marriage mate?
2. How can parents involve their children so that they enjoy working in the field service?
3. How can children profit from working with their parents?

FEBRUARY 19-25

Laying Groundwork for Return Visit

1. How can you lay the groundwork for a return visit on your first call?
2. What are some questions you might bring up for consideration on a return visit?
3. How do you determine which subject to select for a particular householder?

FEBRUARY 26–MARCH 4

Effective Use of House-to-House Record

1. What notations might you

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How Does God's Kingdom Affect Your Family?

1 For centuries Christians have prayed, "Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth." (Matt. 6:9, 10) We eagerly look forward to the many blessed changes God's kingdom will bring following the "great tribulation."

2 But even now, since the installing of Jesus as God's heavenly King in 1914, millions of persons have made changes in their lives to conform with the Kingdom's direction. As more people take their stand for God's kingdom by conforming their lives to its laws, God's will is being accomplished more and more on earth. Happily, the time will soon come when all the opposers of that kingdom are vanquished.

3 Does your family indicate by its actions and way of life that it recognizes the headship of Christ, our heavenly King? If so, how can one tell? Families may vary considerably in many respects; individual preferences may differ. But if God's Kingdom rule really does affect your family, there is one common denominator. You will be making every effort to follow the lead that Jesus gave, his way of life, his teachings, his service to Jehovah.

IN YOUR FAMILY LIFE

4 Since Christ's rule is one of peace, should not peace be reflected in our families? Surely bickering, faultfinding and displays of temper should be rare, if they exist at all. (Eph. 4:26, 31, 32) Husbands, do the ways that you deal with your wives give evidence that you are subjects of the King, who is "mild-tempered and lowly in heart"? (Matt. 11:28-30) You wives, are your actions toward your husbands and your children an evidence of submission to Christ, who is your husbands' head? (1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:22, 23) You children, do you honor your parents in a way that shows that you are imitating Christ, who always does the will of his Father? (John 8:29) The answers to these questions indicate the extent to which your family is responding to Kingdom rule.

5 It takes time and effort to break away from worldly attitudes and patterns of speech. If even one member of the family makes the effort, there will be a blessing. When the husband sets a fine example, this encourages the wife to respond. And a submissive attitude on the part of the wife may encourage the husband to imitate the example of Christ, the one who is his head. Even the good example of children has helped parents to become subjects of God's kingdom.

6 But how can this be achieved? Spirituality on the part of family members is needed in order to make such changes. How is the

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Do You Prepare as a Family?

1 What are the benefits of a family's reading the Bible together, or preparing together for meetings and for field service? As one young brother from Delaware put it: "We learned self-discipline, to sit still, and to study for a period of time. More important, we learned the value of personal study. We kept up with the weekly meetings, getting more out of the information than we ever would have on our own."

2 This young man later went into full-time service. His zeal and devotion in the field service, as well as that of many other young people like him, reflect favorably upon the parents for their efforts to prepare their children for a life of service to God.

FINDING THE TIME

3 What comes to your mind as a parent when family preparation is mentioned? Do you think: "As valuable as it is, when will I find time for it?" Have you tried to make some time for it? How persistent have your efforts been? Each person's situation is different. But it would be helpful to see what some are doing.

4 One family in New York takes advantage of the evening meal together to discuss spiritual matters. On different evenings, they discuss the day's text together and talk about points from the weekly Bible reading. At times they prepare for the service meeting or Theocratic School while at the supper table. In addition, they regularly schedule part of an evening each week for a systematic study of *The Watchtower* or some other publication. Of course, something has to go, so they limit their TV viewing. The mother, having more time with their son, works with him to pre-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 28

15 min: Song 13. General announcements. Discussion of *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* brochure, pages 23, 24, on the "Practical Value of the 'Good News' to Your Community." Invite well-qualified young readers, brothers or sisters, to read paragraphs. Then ask questions for audience to answer. Emphasize that Christianity is practical and that, when witnessing, we can use this material to help others to appreciate the "good news."

25 min: "How Does God's Kingdom Affect Your Family?" Base introductory comments on paragraphs 1-3. Then cover remaining paragraphs thoroughly; be sure to read scriptures and get comments as to what they should mean in our lives. When discussing paragraph 7, get comments from local publishers as to what they are doing to help other members of their own family in the field service. Emphasize that all who are truly disciples of Jesus Christ need to be conscientious about responding to the rule of God's kingdom. Please make full use of what is printed in the article in *Our Kingdom Service*.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—To Families." After introductory comments on paragraph 1, ask audience questions on paragraphs 2 and 3. Demonstrate presentation found in paragraph 4, but interrupt it at appropriate points and invite audience to comment on it, telling what they felt was effective, as well as suggestions for perhaps making the presentation more effective by fitting it to the specific householder. Cover remainder of article with questions. Stress that our objective in using the new book is to make disciples—if possible, involving entire families in Bible discussions.

5 min: Service arrangements should be made clear to all. Conclude with song 119 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 4

12 min: Song 16. General announcements, including brief accounts report. Cover *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* brochure, pages 25 and 26, "Their Worldwide Organization and Work." Handled by talk, but involving audience by asking them questions. Tie in *1979 Yearbook,* citing how many were baptized and how many Bible studies were conducted, and what the local congregation did to contribute to these figures.

18 min: Continue in brochure, pages 26-31, "Questions Often Asked About Them." Have *various family groups* assigned in advance to consider selected questions that would be most appropriate for congregation's territory. Discuss how these might be answered in the field service, or when interested persons ask questions. Emphasize that being equipped to answer questions is important to disciple-making.

23 min: "Do You Prepare as a Family?" Elder discusses with family the value of reading the Bible together as a family, as well as preparing together for meetings and field service. Actually discuss the suggestions in the article. Have parent demonstrate how he could teach his child a simple presentation for the *Family Life* book; emphasize to the child that he should be interested in disciple-making, so he should take one of his parents or another publisher back to aid any who show interest. In connection with paragraph 10, have a youth in the audience raise his hand and ask, How can I have a family study when my parents are not in the truth? Discuss how he can be helped.

7 min: Mention the need of applying suggestions in the future to assist all in bearing much fruit and proving ourselves Christ's disciples in harmony with yeartext. Invite audience to read and study over Revelation 2 and 3 before next week's meeting. Service announcements. Song 60 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 11

8 min: Song 3 and general announcements.

20 min: To Whom Shall We Go as Families? Present as talk and involve audience with questions outlined below; discuss scriptures as time permits.

Constant pressure is on families to turn them from serving Jehovah. Each family member's loyalty is being severely tested. Must have confidence in the direction and lead Jehovah provides through Christ. Discuss John 14:6. No present or future hope apart from God's provision through Jesus.—Acts 4:12.

Early Christians faced similar tests of loyalty. When Jesus presented a difficult Scriptural truth, some turned away, but not Peter. (John 6:67-69) Do we have the same spirit? Why is it important for family members to feel like Peter?

What would we gain by turning away? Association with a loveless world, perhaps a few sensual thrills, a return to mind-darkening doctrines, a short aimless life filled with problems, a void to be filled by the demons.—2 Pet. 2:19-22; compare Luke 11:24-26.

What do we have and keep by remaining under the headship of Christ? The benefits of Christ's ransom, the Bible as a guide to our lives, a solid hope of a paradise earth, hope of resurrection of the dead, privilege of bearing the name of Jehovah, clear vision of the clear-cut difference between Jehovah's organization and Satan's, opportunities to share good news with others, a life of purpose and real hope.—John 14:19; 1 Pet. 3:18; Matt. 6:10; Isa. 43:10, 11; John 15:19.

To remain under Christ's leadership, we need strong faith. How can each family member build faith to benefit all in the family? (Rom. 10:17) Disciple-making under the command of Jesus draws us together and strengthens our faith, as we help others the way we have been helped. (Matt. 28:19, 20) What else is required of our families in order to have Jehovah's approval?—John 15:4, 10. (Stress unity and obedience.)

As families we want to stick close to Jehovah under the headship of Christ and those appointed to look after the flock. Show by daily conduct that we have the same appreciation expressed by Peter.—John 6:67-69.

25 min: "Hear What the Spirit Says to the Congregations." To be handled by elder with fine teaching qualifications.

Brief introductory comments: Last month we discussed inspired messages to congregations of Ephesus, Smyrna and Pergamum, and their application to congregations today. Emphasize how the messages to the congregations of Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea are beneficial to congregations today, and also to many families that make up these congregations.

(Invite all to open Bibles to Revelation chapter 2. Audience participation.) Who is the one with "eyes like a fiery flame" that is inspecting the congregations and their overseers? What was commendable about the Thyatira congregation? (Rev. 2:18, 19) What kind of woman was Jezebel? What things did she teach? What was her attitude? What will happen in our day to those unrepentantly following a similar course? Can Jesus as head of the congregation today know of wrongdoing not apparent to others? (vss. 20-23) What are the "deep things of Satan"? How can we as individuals and families avoid getting to know these "deep things"? (vs. 24; *"Finished Mystery"* book, p. 148) What encouragement is given for us today, in verse 25? In what activity will faithful anointed ones share? What does their receiving "the morning star" mean? (vss. 26-28; *fm,* pp. 149-153)

Are we like the congregation in Sardis? How could people today appear to be alive but be dead? (3:1, 2) Of what do both congregations and families need to be mindful? Why? (vs. 3) Since the "outer garments" indicate one's appearance as a Christian, what is required of us as Christians if we want the reward of everlasting life? (vss. 4-6)

Are we like the congregation in Philadelphia? Are we responding to the open door of Christian activity? How can we do so as families? (vs. 8) How has the "synagogue of Satan" done obeisance before the feet of the anointed? (vs. 9; *fm,* pp. 172-174) What rewards are promised the faithful anointed ones in Philadelphia? What does this indicate regarding faithful ones today? (vss. 10-13)

What was the problem with the congregation in Laodicea? What is the significance of being lukewarm? In what way could this happen to us today? (vss. 14-16) In what sense were the Laodiceans "miserable and pitiable and poor and blind and naked"? How could families be in that same state today? What remedy is prescribed for recovery? How can Christians make use of that remedy today? (vss. 17, 18) How are we encouraged to respond to Christ's discipline? (vs. 19)

Conclusion: Must be ever conscious that we are under inspection as congregations and families. Salvation does not come merely from claiming to be Jehovah's Witnesses. Let us each pay attention to what the spirit says to the congregations.

7 min: Field service announcements and encouragement to apply year's text in our lives. Song 33 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 18

5 min: Song 48 and general announcements.

30 min: What Are We Doing with What We Are Learning?

Work needs to be done on this part WELL IN ADVANCE. Many fine field points and points to *help us in our* everyday lives are covered in our service meeting, the Theocratic School and the congregation book study each week. Are we using what we are learning? On this part, use 10 minutes for each of these meetings. Early in the month, assign one or two book study groups to cover each of the three meetings, picking different groups than were used the previous month, if possible. Ask them to be alert to *use* points gleaned from material discussed at these meet-

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ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND THE "LIVING HOPE" DISTRICT ASSEMBLY THIS SUMMER?

All of us have vivid memories of the "Victorious Faith" conventions of last summer. Are you ready now to attend one of the "Living Hope" assemblies in the summer of 1979? When you receive the February 1, 1979, *Watchtower* (English) you will notice on page 31 that over 90 "Living Hope" District Assemblies are being scheduled in the continental United States for the coming year. In order to assist you in making arrangements to attend, you will find listed below in date order each assembly city and the circuits recommended to attend each.

There are a number of cities where two or three assemblies are being held in succession and so we are recommending that the brothers in the circuits listed in the chart below attend during the particular week indicated, to the extent possible, to ensure adequate seating for everyone.

1979 U.S. DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

JUNE 14-17:

Des Moines, Iowa: Iowa 1, ½2-A, 2-B, 3, 4; Mo. 3*.

Hampton, Va.: N.C. 1-A, ½6-A, 6-B; Va. 1.

Jacksonville, Fla.: Fla. 3, ¼5, ½11, 12; Ga. ⅓7.

Knoxville, Tenn.: Ga. ⅓4; Ky. ⅓4; Tenn. 1, ½4, 5; W. Va. ¼1.

Lansing, Mich. (tentative): Mich. 6-A, 11-B, 13.

Pontiac, Mich. (tentative): Ind. 7-B*; Mich. 1, 2, 5, 6-B*, 8, 10, 11-A, 12; Ohio 5*.

Savannah, Ga.: Ga. ¾3, ¼7; S.C. ¼1, ¾3.

Tucson, Ariz.: Ariz. 2-A, 4; N.M. 1*.

Wichita, Kans.: Kans. 1*, 2, 3, 4; Mo. 6*.

JUNE 21-24:

Amarillo, Tex.: N.M. 2-A, 3; Tex. 9, 10-A, ½10-B, ½14.

Billings, Mont.: Ida. 1-C*; Mont. 1-B*, 2; N.D. ⅔1; S.D. ⅓1; Utah 2*; Wyo. 1-A.

Dallas, Tex.: Okla. ¼4; Tex. 5*, 13, ½14.

Denver, Colo.: Colo. 1, 3, 7; N.M. 2-B; Wyo. 1-B.

Greenville, S.C.: N.C. 3, 4; S.C. ¼3.

Hampton, Va.: Va. 3, 6*.

Landover, Md.: D.C. 1; Md. 1, 3; N.J. 7-C; Pa. 9, ½10-A.

Lansing, Mich. (tentative): Mich. 3, 9.

Macon, Ga.: Ala. ½6; Ga. ¼3, 5, 6, ⅓7.

Philadelphia, Pa.: N.J. 3, 4-A, 6, 7-B; Pa. 1, 2-A, 3*, 4, 5-A, 6, 11, 13.

Phoenix, Ariz.: Ariz. 1, 2-B, 3, 5-B; Utah ¼1.

Portland, Me.: Me. 1, 2; N.H. 1*; Vt. ½1-A.

Providence, R.I.: Mass. 1-A, 4; R.I. 1.

St. Petersburg, Fla.: Fla. ½2 (St. Petersburg congregations), ⅔9.

JUNE 28–JULY 1:

Dallas, Tex.: Tex. ⅓3, 6, 12-A, 15.

Denver, Colo.: Colo. 2, 4, 5, 6; Utah ¾1.

Greensboro, N.C.: N.C. 1-B, 2*, 5, ½6-A, 7; S.C. ½1; Va. 2-B.

Greenville, S.C.: Ga. ⅓4, ½8; S.C. ¼1, 2.

Landover, Md.: Md. 2, 4, 5; Pa. 5-B, 5-C; Va. 4-B; W. Va. 2-B.

Macon, Ga.: Ga. 1, 2, ⅓4, ½8.

Nashville, Tenn.: Ala. 1-A; Ind. 4-B*; Ky. 1, ⅓4; Tenn. 2-B, ½4, 6.

Providence, R.I.: Mass. 1-B, 1-C, 2, 5.

Richfield, Ohio: Ohio 1, 10, 13, 15-B*; Pa. 7, 12-C, 14.

St. Petersburg, Fla.: Fla. ½2, 7.

South Bend, Ind.: Ill. 1-C*, 5*, 12; Ind. 1; Mich. 4.

Utica, N.Y.: N.Y. 3-A*, 6; Vt. ½1-A.

JULY 5-8:

Baton Rouge, La.: La. 1, 4, 5; Miss. 4; Tex. ⅓4.

Corvallis, Ore.: Cal. 43*; Ore. 4, 6; Wash. 3-A*.

Fresno, Cal. (Spanish only): S-5, S-11, S-15.

Hollywood, Fla.: Fla. 1, ½4, 6, 8.

Inglewood, Cal. (Spanish only): S-4, S-9, S-20, S-23, S-28-B, S-32.

Lincoln, Neb.: Iowa ½2-A; Neb. 1, 2, 3.

Milwaukee, Wis.: Ill. 3-A, 9, 11; Wis. 1.

New Haven, Conn.: Conn. 1-B, 2-A, 3; N.Y. 3-B.

Oklahoma City, Okla.: Okla. 1, 2, 3*, ¾4; Tex. ½10-B.

Richfield, Ohio: Ohio 3, 8, 11, 12, 14; Pa. 8*, ½10-A, 10-B.

St. Paul, Minn.: Minn. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; N.D. ⅓1; S.D. ⅔1; Wis. ⅔5.

San Francisco, Cal.: Cal. 11, 13, 15, 18, 22.

South Bend, Ind.: Ill. 2, 3-B*, 10*; Ind. 5, 7-A.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.: Ala. 1-B, 2, 4, 5*, ½6; Miss. ½2-B, 3-B*.

Utica, N.Y.: N.Y. ¾21, 22*.

JULY 12-15:

Biloxi, Miss.: Ala. 3; Fla. ½11; La. 3*; Miss. 1.

Corvallis, Ore.: Ore. 1, 2, 3, 5-B.

Fresno, Cal.: Cal. ½8, 10; Nev. 1*.

Green Bay, Wis.: Mich. 7; Wis. ¼2, 3, ⅓5.

Hollywood, Fla. (Spanish only): S-12, S-16, S-26.

Milwaukee, Wis.: Ill. 1-A*, 1-B*, 8; Wis. ¾2, 4.

Pine Bluff, Ark.: Ark. 1, 2, 4-B; La. 2.

Pullman, Wash.: Ida. 1-A, 1-B, 2; Mont. 1-A; Ore. 5-A; Wash. 3-B*, 4*.

Rochester, N.Y.: N.Y. 7, 9, ¼21.

St. Louis, Mo.: Ill. 4, 6, 7; Mo. 1, 2, ½4-A, 4-B, 5, 7.

San Antonio, Tex.: Tex. 1, ⅓3, 7, 8, ⅓11.

San Francisco, Cal.: Cal. 12, 14, 19, 23, 34.

JULY 19-22:

Chicago, Ill. (Spanish only): S-21-A.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Ind. 2*, 4-A*; Ky. 2, ⅓4; Ohio 2, 9, 15-A, 16.

Fresno, Cal.: Cal. 9, 29, 39.

Houston, Tex.: Tex. ⅔4, ⅔11, 12-B, 17.

Lakeland, Fla.: Fla. ½4, ⅓9, 10.

Memphis, Tenn.: Ark. 3, 4-A; Miss. 2-A, ½2-B, 3-A*; Mo. ½4-A; Tenn. 2-A*, 3.

Niagara Falls, N.Y.: N.Y. 8, 13; Pa. 12-A, 12-B.

Puyallup, Wash.: Wash. 1-A, 6, 8.

Roanoke, Va.: Va. 2-A, 4-A, 5; W. Va. ¾1, 2-A*, 3.

San Antonio, Tex. (Spanish only): S-3, S-7, S-8, S-10, S-14, S-33.

San Francisco, Cal.: Cal. 26, 27, 40, 41, 42.

Springfield, Mass.: Conn. 2-B, 2-C; Mass. 3.

Woodburn, Ore. (Spanish only): S-19.

JULY 26-29:

Chicago, Ill. (Spanish only): S-21-B, S-31; Mo. Spanish Circuit.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Ind. 3, 6; Ky. 3; Ohio 4*, 6, 7.

El Paso, Tex. (Spanish only): S-6, S-18, S-24, S-28-A.

Houston, Tex.: Tex. 2, ⅓3, 16.

Inglewood, Cal.: Ariz. 5-A; Cal. 2, 6, 20, 30, 32, 33, 36, 37.

Lakeland, Fla.: Fla. ¾5, 13.

Puyallup, Wash.: Wash. 1-B, 2, 5.

Springfield, Mass.: Conn. 1-A; N.Y. 16*; Vt. 1-B.

Willoughby, Ohio (Spanish only): S-13.

AUGUST 2-5:

Elmont, N.Y. (tentative) (Spanish and Portuguese only): S-1, S-2, S-17, S-22, S-25, S-27, S-29, S-30.

Inglewood, Cal. (Korean also): Cal. 1, 4, 7, 17, 21, 28, 38, 44, 46.

AUGUST 8-11 (Note: Wednesday through Saturday):

New York, N.Y. (Chinese only): Cal. and N.Y. Chinese congregations.

AUGUST 9-12:

E. Rutherford, N.J. (tentative): N.J. 2-A, 4-B, 5; Pa. 2-B.

Elmont, N.Y. (tentative) (Italian also): N.Y. 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 18-A, 19.

Inglewood, Cal. (Japanese also): Cal. 3, 5, ½8, 16, 24, 25, 31, 35, 45, 47.

Long Island City, N.Y. (French only): Fla. congregation: Miami French; N.Y. congregations: Manhattan French, Queens French, West French; Pa. congregation: Philadelphia French.

AUGUST 16-19:

E. Rutherford, N.J. (tentative): N.J. 1, 2-B, 7-A, 8.

Elmont, N.Y. (tentative) (Greek and Korean also): N.Y. 4, 5, 14, 15, 17, 18-B, 18-C, 23.

Long Island City, N.Y. (French only): Mass. congregation: Boston French; N.J. congregation: Newark French; N.Y. congregations: Bergen Street French, East French, Nyack French.

Those circuits in the above chart marked with an asterisk (*) may have some congregations located a little closer to another assembly city, but it would be best, if possible, to attend the assembly indicated so there will be plenty of room.

Where the above chart indicates that

a portion of a circuit attend a particular assembly, such as ½ or ¼, and so forth, it simply means that those living in the part of the circuit closest to that assembly would attend where indicated, but the rest of the circuit would attend another assembly closest to them as shown elsewhere on the list.

ROOMING: During April the Society will be sending a supply of Room Request forms to each congregation for obtaining hotel, motel and private home accommodations through the assembly organization. These Room Request forms will contain the rooming headquarters address for each assembly and other pertinent information needed for requesting rooms. Please fill out the Room Request form very carefully and give it to the Assembly Coordinator in your congregation. He will then check, sign and send it directly to the assembly city rooming address (NOT to the Society) no earlier than eight weeks ahead of the date of the assembly that you have selected. This will be in ample time for you to receive your rooming assignment prior to the assembly. If you receive a rooming assignment and later have to change your plans and cannot accept it, *please send word immediately* (1) to the name and address on your rooming assignment and (2) to the assembly rooming department so that the room may be reassigned.

TO THE BODY OF ELDERS: *After* receipt of this insert, we suggest that the elders meet briefly before the next service meeting to determine which city and dates your congregation is to attend by locating the circuit or portion thereof that your congregation is in as of the end of February on the above circuit list. Then please read the insert to the congregation at that service meeting and the next *Watchtower* study, announcing the city and dates recommended by the Society. Emphasize any points that would be helpful to the publishers and interested ones. There is no reason to read the entire chart to the congregation. Your congregation is in one of the circuits listed in the chart and the one reading the insert should read the dates and the assembly that the Society recommends you attend. Also, please underline on the above circuit list the recommended assembly city and dates your congregation is to attend and post the insert on the information board for the benefit of the congregation.

We look forward to seeing you and your family as well as your interested ones at this faith-strengthening "Living Hope" District Assembly this summer and know it will prove to be a rich spiritual blessing to all of you. Plan now to attend all four days so as to fully enjoy the fine program that has been arranged.

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Do You Prepare as a Family? (*Cont'd*)
pare for field service. Then he goes out with his father or mother, putting into application the things he has learned. Such family cooperation makes the best use of their limited time.

5 Another suggestion is to take a half hour after a meal, before the table is cleared, to cover at least a portion of the Bible reading for the week. All family members can take part, making it interesting and instructive.

WHAT SHOULD BE STUDIED

6 Obviously the needs of the family must be considered. Some may do their Bible reading, others prepare for the *Watchtower* study; still others make it a practice to study things that fit the particular needs of their families. One brother in his early twenties commented on the help his father gave him to prepare for field service, saying: "I can remember having a little black notebook with scriptures listed under certain subjects, like 'Trinity.' Dad would pretend to be a householder whose objections I would have to overcome. I also had to memorize the names of the books of the Bible, five at a time, between each Monday night study."

7 Another brother who has been at Bethel for 10 years, and whose brother also served at Bethel, recalls that in his family his father always pointed them toward the prospect of full-time service. "So it was natural that we should want to come to Bethel," he noted. The family study is still consistently held for the benefit of a younger brother remaining at home.

8 A 26-year-old brother from Minnesota recalls that his mother would study with him, and together they prepared for the meetings and field service. They hid their publications in the dried cereal boxes, knowing that the opposed father never ate dried cereal. Those secret study periods proved their worth as they prepared the son for full-time service both as a regular pioneer and at Bethel.

9 It is good to be flexible in these family study sessions. Also, it is beneficial to have a relaxed atmosphere, rather than a strict disciplined procedure. As one brother put it: "On our family study night our mother would prepare in advance some 'treat' and after we finished our study period we would enjoy this. Some time in the evening would also be used for a family game or for the family to sing together. We looked forward to our family study nights."

INCLUDE OTHERS

10 Many brothers and sisters have no family members in the truth. It would be a kindness to invite such ones, where possible, to share with you in family Bible reading or in family preparation for meetings and field service. (Deut. 15:7-11; Luke 6:38) Perhaps sometimes the family study can be held at the home of some older publisher who lives alone.

11 Do not minimize the value of reading the Bible together and of preparation for meetings and field service within the family. When parents set a good example, not letting such periods of family Bible discussion be easily infringed upon by other interests, this impresses upon their children the vital importance of deep respect and appreciation for God's Word. All of this works to Jehovah's praise and to the blessings of those who prepare as a family.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life Does Have a Purpose:*

February 4: Pages 38 to 47
February 11: Pages 48 to 56*
February 18: Pages 56 to 64
February 25: Pages 65 to 71

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* To subheading.

Meetings . . . Make Disciples (*Cont'd*)
ings. They may use such points in making a personal decision, in informal witnessing, when going from house to house, on return visits or in any other way. We would like to hear their experiences on this program. This should *not* be a review of the meetings but should highlight how material from the meetings has *actually been used.*

20 min: Serve Loyally—Do Not Give Up! Elder to discuss following material with audience. Scriptures should be included in the discussion.

What is loyalty? (Eph. 4:24) If you know that a member of the congregation is guilty of serious wrongdoing, what should loyalty move you to do? (Lev. 5:1) If you heard a critical report about a brother, what would loyalty move you to do? (Ps. 50:20, 21; 1 Tim. 5:19) If there was an opportunity of making quite a bit of money, but it was at the possible risk of doing harm to our Christian brothers, what course would loyalty move us to take?—Prov. 28:20; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10.

What situations today could test the loyalty of young Christians? How was young Joseph able to resist the pressures and temptations to commit immorality? What do we learn by the expression "day after day" in connection with this temptation? How could similar situations come up at school? (Gen. 39:7-12) How could Eli's sons have been a test to young Samuel's loyalty? Could similar tests be exerted on young ones from within God's congregation today?—1 Sam. 2:12-18.

Conclude with encouragement to make loyalty a part of our personality.—Eph. 4:24; 1 Thess. 2:10.

5 min: Service announcements. Song 65 and prayer.

Announcements

- Literature offer for February and March: The book *Making Your Family Life Happy* for 35c. For April: *Watchtower* subscription for one year for $2.00, with 384- or 416-page book free to new subscribers. (*Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!* and *"The Nations Shall Know that I Am Jehovah"—How?* may be ordered from the Society. We have ample supplies.)
- Reminder: Subscriptions along with the Weekly Subscriptions form (M-203) should be sent to Watchtower, *Wallkill, N.Y. 12589.* However, subscription money should be included with magazine money remitted each month to the Society's *Brooklyn* office.
- Please note the following price change for the brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century:* Pioneer, 2c; congregation, 8c; public, 10c. This is for a revised edition, with updated figures and a fresh set of questions answered on pages 26-31, and printed on quality paper.
- Pioneer rates for literature, magazines and subscriptions may be obtained only through the congregation.
- When new secretary appointments need to be made in between circuit overseer visits (as for example, when a secretary moves to another congregation or needs to be removed for one reason or another), this matter should be considered by the entire body of elders. The recommendation should be made to the Society and the service committee should sign the letter on behalf of the entire body of elders. In this way, things will be done uniformly and appropriate appointments can then be made. (Elders should reread the letter of April 12, 1978.)
- The April 15 *Watchtower* and April 8 and 22 *Awake!* will have articles specially suitable for placing with the public and for obtaining subscriptions. Be sure to place your order early for extra copies, including those that will be needed by auxiliary pioneers.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Making Your Family Life Happy* —Portuguese
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* —Portuguese
  - *Your Youth—Getting the Best out of It* —Greek, Thai
  - *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* —Korean
  - *Unseen Spirits—Do They Help Us? Or Do They Harm Us?* —Danish, Dutch, German, Portuguese, Swahili
  - *"Singing and Accompanying Yourselves with Music in Your Hearts"* —Greek
- The Thai edition of *Awake!* is now available as a monthly magazine. Subscriptions may be obtained.
- Please be reminded that both new and renewal subscriptions obtained from unbaptized persons should be reported on your monthly field service report. This adjustment made July 1, 1977, was to help all to appreciate that renewal subscriptions are just as important as new ones. Of course, subscriptions for baptized persons would not be reported.

NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	642	125.2	41.5	4.3	81.4
Pios.	14,076	85.1	29.9	3.3	53.8
Aux. Pios.	19,485	59.4	15.8	1.3	31.4
Pubs.	495,681	8.9	3.3	.4	6.6
TOTAL	529,884				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,711

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

To Families

1 Families that apply Bible principles and that build their lives around God's kingdom have found that their problems are reduced, if not solved, and happiness is achieved. Isn't this a grand message to bring to the families in your territory during the month of February, using the book *Making Your Family Life Happy?*

2 How are we going to do this? By directing their attention to God's Word, which sets out the principles for happy family life. Family life is on the minds of people. Be willing to talk about it. Show them how the new book can help them. But also point out that the problems of family life will never be completely solved until God's kingdom removes all wickedness from the earth. That is what people are praying for when they say the Lord's Prayer, but most of them don't realize it. (Matt. 6:9, 10) The final chapter of the book on family life can help them to appreciate this truth.

3 Of course, when you talk to people about the problems of family life, you will want to be tactful. Avoid giving the impression that you think the householder is having problems in his family. It would be better to refer to the problem as one that society in general is having.

4 You might start off in this manner: "I'm calling to share with you some information about a problem that affects much of the world today. It involves family life. All of us want our family to be happy, but we know that many families are not really happy. What do you feel would help people to find greater happiness in their family life? [Let them answer.] Don't you agree that it would be beneficial to listen to what the Creator of the family says? He sets out the needed guidelines in the Bible. These principles are discussed in this new book *Making Your Family Life Happy*. Notice the aspects of the subject that are discussed. [Show the table of contents.] The book also points to the lasting solution to mankind's problems. No doubt you pray for it. You are acquainted with the Lord's Prayer, aren't you? [Quote Matthew 6:9, 10.] It is God's will that his kingdom remove all wickedness from this earth. The final chapter of this book shows how the family life of all persons who now put their faith in God's kingdom will be benefited. We are leaving this book for only 35 cents."

5 Wouldn't it be good if we could make it our goal to speak with as many family groups as possible during the month of February? Have this in mind as you lay the groundwork for your return visit. When the discussion is concluding on your first call, you might say: "Since we are interested in discussing the Bible with families, I would like to return at a time when the rest of your family is at home to continue our discussion. [Ask what time is convenient to call.] In the meantime, you may want to look over the book, and when I return we can discuss the chapter that most appeals to you and your family."

6 We are sure you agree that this new book will be very helpful to the families in your territory. Already we have received numerous letters of appreciation for the fine counsel contained in the book. One man exclaimed: "As my wife and I progress through its pages, our family life continues to improve." Very likely you had similar feelings as you read the book.

7 So, as you endeavor to make disciples, think in terms of aiding entire families. Help them to see the value of the Kingdom message so that they can share together in the blessings of the future.—Rev. 21:4.

Meetings for Field Service (*Cont'd*)

make regarding an interested person? How can these various observations be of real value on the return visit?

2. Why is it good not to postpone making your various notations regarding an interested person?
3. How do you determine the best time to make a return call?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

God's Kingdom Is the Solution.

1. Concern about family life; applying Bible counsel can improve our lives.
2. Only God's kingdom can lastingly solve our problems. —Matt. 6:9, 10.

Kingdom Affect Your Family? (*Cont'd*)

spirituality of your family? Could there be improvement? The Kingdom rule provides the finest in practical education from the Scriptures. How may we benefit most fully from it? Really, it is by your family's making an effort to read and study together, and to prepare for meetings and service. Parents need to encourage their children to pay close attention at meetings and to participate. When a family does these things, the beneficial results can soon be seen.

AS TO FIELD SERVICE

7 Just as Christ's followers were commissioned to preach the good news of the Kingdom, so Christians in our time show they are loyal advocates of the Kingdom by preaching. Do the members of your family make an effort to help one another to serve in the field as disciples of Christ? How many in your family could be publishers? Appreciating the reality of the Kingdom, we want to help all, especially those close to us, to enjoy eternally the privilege of rendering Jehovah sacred service. —Rev. 7:14, 15.

8 Consider the example of the family of Philip mentioned in Acts 21:8, 9. Philip is here called "the evangelizer," which indicates he must have been very active in sharing the good news with others. But Philip was not content to serve God by himself. He must have done much to build up the spirituality of his household and to encourage his family to share in honoring Jehovah, for the account tells us of his four virgin daughters who "prophesied." So the question is, Are you fathers, like Philip, taking the lead in the service and helping others in your family to enjoy a share in this service?

9 Certainly if we accept Jehovah's kingdom as a reality, we will want to speak about it to others. What a fine thing when we make it our goal, as a family, to accept the direction of the Kingdom in our lives. Not only does it bring blessings to us now in a happy, united way of life, but it also provides a wonderful and secure hope for the future. As we look forward to the yet future blessings that the rule of Christ will bring for our family, we can pray with confidence: "Let your kingdom come. Let your will take place, as in heaven, also upon earth." And by Jehovah's undeserved kindness we will have the assurance that not only our families but also others whom we help may live to see God's will accomplished world wide.

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 5-11

Current Literature Offer

1. Why is it beneficial to show householder something specific from publication?
2. What talking points from "Family Life" book have you found effective?
3. Of what benefit is it to refer to pictures in the publication? (Note pp. 4, 12, 117 and 176) Why might they be effective?

MARCH 12-18

Be a Good Listener

1. Why is it good to show genuine interest in what householders say?
2. What effect does it have if you interrupt when householder is speaking?
3. Why is it good to agree with householder whenever possible? When might it be better to remain silent?

MARCH 19-25

Making Return Visits

1. How much of our service time could be devoted to making return visits?
2. By way of preparation, what points should we get clearly in mind?
3. What Scriptural material do you plan to discuss on a return visit today?

MARCH 26–APRIL 1

Inviting Others to Memorial

1. Why *should* we attend the Memorial?

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What Can You Do with the Help of Holy Spirit?

[1] "For all things I have the strength by virtue of him who imparts power to me," declared the apostle Paul. Do you have that same confidence? Do you reach out for that power through God's holy spirit? It is there for the asking.—Phil. 4:13; Luke 11:13.

[2] Just consider what our brothers in the past have done with the help of Jehovah's spirit. Noah built a huge ark. Solomon built a temple without equal. Samson slew a thousand men single-handed and pulled down a pagan temple. But perhaps even more significant to us is the fact that Jehovah's spirit sustained his prophets, ordinary people like us, in preaching work.

MANY PIONEER—CAN YOU?

[3] Thousands today have also said, in effect, 'With the help of holy spirit I can pioneer.' And they are doing it! On an average, 115,000 around the world are special, regular or auxiliary pioneers each month. Even in lands where the work is under ban, there are thousands who are in the pioneer service. As some brothers have said, 'If God's spirit can raise dead people to life, it surely can animate live ones to make them strong for pioneering.'

[4] What some of our brothers can do with the help of this spirit from God amazes us. Consider one 73-year-old brother here in the United States who has been a regular pioneer for 10 years. About a year ago he had to have both legs amputated. Until then he had been spending about 130 hours each month in field service. This average dropped somewhat during the three months following his operation. But then he began spending over 110 hours each month in the service—without legs! He wrote: "Although I have some problems, I am happy doing the Lord's work again. Now, I feel as if I am of some use. In about three months I should get my artificial legs and will use them in the Lord's service." Who would deny that God's holy spirit sustains such ones and imparts power to them? Why not take advantage of this "helper" to help *you* to pioneer? —John 14:26.

[5] One sister who decided to pioneer wrote to the Society: "It was

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Plan Ahead—Pioneer

[1] Jehovah's great invisible military force is ready and poised for action against Satan and his wicked system. What is expected of us just prior to this time when Jehovah sends out the rod of Christ's strength to subdue the nations? Psalm 110:3 tells us: "Your people will offer themselves *willingly* on the day of your military force."

[2] Tens of thousands of God's people, displaying that willing spirit, frequently share in the auxiliary pioneer service. Would you like to be one of the large army who will be doing so during April? To succeed, you will need to plan ahead.

PLANNING NECESSARY

[3] After prayerfully considering the prospect, one of the first things to do is to work out a schedule that will make it possible for you to devote 60 hours to the field service during the month. Without neglecting other Christian obligations, you might plan to use two hours each day in the field. Some prefer to devote perhaps five hours to the field service for three days each week, with the remainder of the week to care for family responsibilities. If you have a secular job and would like to be an auxiliary pioneer, you could schedule evening witnessing along with full weekends of field service. Determine what best fits your circumstances.

[4] One sister says that at the start of each year she looks at the calendar and determines which months have the most holidays in them. She auxiliary pioneers during those months, effectively using the extra days. A traveling overseer in the United States reports that some publishers look for months that have five full weekends in them and then plan to pioneer during those months. For example, the months of September and December of 1979 have five full weekends. Youths in school can make wise use of spring vacation that usually is scheduled for March or April. If you find that you can meet the hour requirement, and if a willing spirit moves you to offer yourself in this way, now is the time to turn in your application.

[5] When making your plans, consider not only reaching the goal of hours, but also how you will

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 25

13 min: Song 28. General announcements. (Special public talk will be held world wide the week of April 1. The subject is "Happy Though Hungry—How Can It Be?") Relate experiences in offering *Family Life* book during February. Any Bible studies started?

22 min: "What Can You Do with the Help of Holy Spirit?" Audience participation. Encourage youths to comment on paragraph 2. Emphasize main point: With the help of Jehovah's spirit, many more may be able to pioneer. Will you be one of them?

20 min: Who Has Done It? Ask all who have ever shared in any branch of full-time service, including auxiliary pioneering, to raise their hands. Interview these right from seats (not all need to be asked every question): When did you serve? How do you feel you benefited spiritually from the experience? Did it strengthen your faith and relationship with Jehovah? How? Did it improve your knowledge of the Bible and how to use it in service? Were you better able to cope with objections? Did preaching every day help lessen anxiety about approaching doors and increase your joy in the service? Did you start any Bible studies during your full-time service? Did any come into the truth as a result? Any experiences you wish to relate, especially where evidence of Jehovah's spirit is illustrated? Would you recommend full-time service to others? Would you do it again if you could? Encourage those who wish to pioneer to obtain applications from congregation secretary tonight.

5 min: Local service announcements, including subject to be discussed during week's meetings for service. Song 117 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 4

10 min: Song 32 and general announcements. Accounts report.

20 min: "Plan Ahead—Pioneer." Question-and-answer discussion. Encourage as many as possible in congregation to auxiliary pioneer during April. Obtain application forms from congregation secretary.

25 min: Youths, Could Your Life Be Rewarding Like that of Timothy?

(5 min.) Talk by brother who has pioneer spirit. Consider importance of having wholesome goals in life. What are your goals? Higher education? Having fun in life? A good job? Someone who had all of these things was Solomon. What did Jehovah cause him to write for our benefit? Much worldly education does not bring happiness. (Eccl. 1:18) Pursuing pleasure, making "fun" the big thing in life, leaves one feeling empty. (Eccl. 2:1, 2) Learning to be a good worker is a blessing (Eccl. 2:24), but making your job the main thing in life leads to severe disappointment. (Eccl. 2:21) So, what will you do? Do not forget why you are alive. It is to serve Jehovah. Anyone who fails to live in full harmony with that fact will not be really happy. Apply the counsel at Ecclesiastes 12:1, so that in later years you do not say that you "have no delight" in life. Timothy was one who applied that Bible counsel.

(18 min.) Chairman invites several youths in middle and late teens to platform for discussion centered on life of Timothy. Main point to stress is that a full life, with real blessings, comes to those who use their lives fully in Jehovah's service. Consider the following questions with those on platform: How old may Timothy have been when Paul first visited him while on his second missionary tour? (*Aid* p. 1602 ¶1) What personal problem did Timothy evidently have to contend with? (1 Tim. 5:23) How long did he remain with Paul? (*w*77 6/1 p. 339 ¶9) What experiences did they share together? (2 Tim. 3:10, 11; *Aid* p. 1602 ¶3-5) What wholesome qualities did Timothy demonstrate? (Phil. 2:20-22; 2 Tim. 1:5; *w*77 6/1 p. 339 ¶9) What opportunities did Timothy's service lead to that other youths of his day did not have? How might the same be true today? (Participants must prepare well in advance for discussion and review source material. Keep part fast-moving and appeal to thinking of youths.)

(2 min.) Conclusion to audience. By wholeheartedly serving Jehovah full-time, youths can enjoy full, satisfying life. Nothing is more rewarding than being able to assist someone to get on the road to life. Many of those in full-time service, like Timothy, who now are overseers, serve in various congregations. Put Jehovah first in your life and experience the many blessings that will result.—Eccl. 12:1.

5 min: Local announcements for field service. Announce subject to be considered at meeting for field service next week. Song 109 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 11

10 min: Song 68. General announcements. Special public talk for the week of April 1 will be "Happy Though Hungry—How Can It Be?" Encourage publishers to start talking to newly interested ones about attending the Memorial on Wednesday evening, April 11. Briefly cover "Pioneers and Their Reports." Encourage auxiliary pioneering in April.

20 min: "Make Sure of the More Important Things."

If you have a chalkboard in the Kingdom Hall, make use of it for this part. List key scriptures on the board as you discuss them. Alongside, put the gist of the text, such as: "Rev. 4:11—Alive because of God's will." "2 Cor. 5:14, 15—Live no longer for self." "Matt. 16:24—Disown self."

(5 min.) Talk. The Bible shows that there would be a clear distinction between true servants of Jehovah and those who do not serve him. True servants of God recognize that they exist because of God's will, and the doing of that will is the foremost thing in their lives. (Rev. 4:11) The love that Christ has, as shown in his dying for mankind, moves such persons to live no longer for self. (2 Cor. 5:14, 15) Our having disowned ourselves, acknowledging Jehovah as our Owner, should be evident, not only by our baptism, but by how we live our lives every day. (Matt. 16:24) Can we say that these things are really true in our case? If so, God's Word governs what we do with our lives.

(15 min.) Audience participation. Read or paraphrase all scriptures. The Bible helps us to keep the truly important things first in our lives. (Phil. 1:9-11) What is the result of doing this, as shown in verse 11? And what things lead to that result, according to verse 9?

What does the Bible show to be among the more important things to God? (1 Tim. 2:3, 4) In line with this, how did Jesus use his time when he was on earth? (Mark 1:38) After his resurrection, Jesus drew attention to the authority given him by God, and then to those who recognized that authority he assigned a work. What was it? (Matt. 28:19, 20) Later, before he ascended to heaven, what was the last thing that he said to his disciples so that they would not forget it? (Acts 1:8) The question we individually need to ask ourself is, 'Does this work occupy the place that it deserves in my life?'

Some are able to be regular or auxiliary pioneers. The *1979 Yearbook* shows that, on an average each month last year, 115,389 did so. How many locally? Some earnestly wish that their health and circumstances would make it possible, but these may not. God does not require what our circumstances do not permit; but doing God's will should be foremost in the life of each of us. Are there any of us who could make adjustments in our lives to share more fully in direct Kingdom service? We do not want to turn out like the one described at Matthew 13:22; be like the one in verse 23.

Ask audience: Even if some of us have to work at full-time secular jobs, what might indicate that disciple-making really occupies the place that it should in our lives? How can a mother who spends almost all day caring for her family show that her life is really built around serving Jehovah?

Circumstances in one's life may change; young folks graduate from school; parents have more time when their children set up their own household; retirement leaves one with more free time. Such is a time to ask oneself, Am I really making sure of the more important things? How am I spending my life? What is Jehovah's view of the matter? May his view always guide our steps. (Ps. 36:9) In conclusion, briefly review the key texts used in the introductory talk.

25 min: "Taste and See that Jehovah Is Good." (Based on *Watchtower* article in August 15, 1978, issue, page 20 down to second subheading on page 22.) Cover page 20 in *brief* introductory talk (2 min.), showing how we "taste," as stated at Psalm 34:8, and how understanding the circumstances of David gives added meaning to that verse.

In covering page 21 and down to second subheading on page 22, read all the paragraphs under any one subheading (a different reader for each section), and then ask appropriate questions. Emphasize the final paragraph in each section.

In conclusion, encourage all to consider prayerfully what has been said at this meeting. As dedicated servants of God, are there changes that we should be making in our lives in order to share more fully in Jehovah's service? Jehovah promises good things to those who, moved by faith, make such adjustments. (Applications for pioneer service may be obtained from the congregation secretary.)

5 min: Local arrangements for field service. Mention subject that will be discussed at meetings for field service next week. Song 43 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 18

15 min: Song 105. General announcements and discussion on "Taste and See that Jehovah Is Good."

(10 min.) Further discussion of article from *Watchtower* of August 15, 1978; from second subheading on page 22 to end of page 23. Objective is to stimulate desire to share in the blessings of pioneer *service*. *Arrange* in advance for youths in audience to read paragraphs. After reading a full sec-

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Meetings . . . Make Disciples *(Cont'd)*

tion, invite comments. Have youths and any who have been pioneers ready to offer brief comments highlighting benefits of pioneer service.

Remind those who plan to auxiliary pioneer during April to turn in their applications.

20 min: One Is Our Leader—Are You Following His Lead? Scriptural discussion based on Matthew 23:10. Use following questions and scriptures to draw out examples of how each one personally has benefited from the lead of Christ in the areas considered. (Scriptures may be paraphrased or key points read.)

How did Jesus set the lead for us in witnessing? (John 18:37; Rev. 1:5) In attitude toward the *work* of witnessing? (John 4:34) In witnessing when it makes unusual demands on us? (Mark 6:31-34; Luke 9:10, 11) In witnessing even when meeting many who are not interested?—Matt. 23:37.

How has Jesus' lead helped you to deal with serious problems you have faced as a witness for Jehovah? (Heb. 5:7, 8) To put up with opposition or indifference from family members? (Mark 3:21; Matt. 13:57, 58) To deal with others in a Christian manner? —Matt. 11:28-30.

All appreciate fine example Christ set for us. But he also backed up his lead to the point of 'surrendering his soul for the sheep.' (John 10:11, 15) This event will be called to mind at the Memorial on April 11. Can show loyal support for our Leader, Ransomer and King by being there and inviting others. Ask audience: How would you invite those with whom you study, relatives, neighbors, workmates, schoolmates and others to Memorial? Mention that Presenting the Good News has suggestions.

15 min: What Are We Doing with What We Are Learning?

Work needs to be done on this part WELL IN ADVANCE. Many fine field points and others to help us in our everyday lives are covered in our meetings. Our objective should be to use what we learn. (Jas. 1:22-25) On this part, use 5 minutes for each of the following meetings: *Watchtower* study, service meeting, congregation book study. Early in the month assign one or two book study groups to each of the three meetings; ask them to be alert to use points gleaned from material discussed at the meetings. (Rotate the assignments so that study groups are not concentrating on the same meeting that they had last month.) They may apply it in their own lives, use it in informal witnessing or when going from house to house or on a return visit. We would like to hear their experiences. This should *not* be a review of the meetings but should highlight how material from the meetings *has actually been used.*

10 min: Local arrangements for field service. Announce details regarding literature offer for April. (See Announcements.) Special public talk will be given on April 1 (or during that week) on subject "Happy Though Hungry—How Can It Be?" This talk is being given in congregations in many parts of the world next week. Don't miss it, and endeavor to bring others with you. Song 46 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 25

Program to be planned locally to fit congregation needs. Include 15-minute discussion of April literature offer. Talk about how and when to offer subscriptions. Special magazines have been prepared for April; give them wide distribution. Encourage all to take note of what April issue of *Our Kingdom Service* says about a special program of Bible reading before Memorial.

Plan Ahead—Pioneer *(Cont'd)*

use that time in the field. You will find that your service will be more joyful and productive if you devote some time—perhaps as much as half of your service time—to making return visits and conducting Bible studies. Do you currently conduct a Bible study with an interested person? If not, make it your goal to start one during the month that you pioneer.

6 Here are a few other things that could be beneficial to do when making your plans: Talk to other members of your family and enlist their cooperation. Why not see if there is another publisher in the congregation that you can encourage to auxiliary pioneer along with you. Find out when meetings for field service will be held. Obtain territory in advance and order extra magazines and literature. Making these necessary arrangements shows that you are complying with the direction given at Proverbs 20:18, where it says: "By counsel plans themselves are firmly established,

SERVANTS CAN ASSIST

7 What can elders and ministerial servants do to assist? Proverbs 15:22 says: "There is a frustrating of plans where there is no confidential talk [or, consultation], but in the multitude of counselors there is accomplishment." Thus it is important to coordinate efforts. Extra meetings for field service may be needed. Have arrangements been made to see that these meetings will have proper oversight and direction? Could an elder or a ministerial servant take the lead in overseeing these meetings for field service? When this is possible, it is greatly appreciated. Has sufficient territory been set aside? Remember that our objective is to make disciples. So, in addition to territory that may currently need working, would it perhaps be possible to provide territory that may be more productive and where interest is more apt to be found?

8 All appointed servants can be "aglow" with the spirit whether they can pioneer or not. Enthusiastically encourage auxiliary pioneering, knowing that it is God's will that we have plenty to do in the work of the Lord and that our "labor is not in vain in connection with the Lord."—1 Cor. 15:58.

DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	639	127.8	45.0	4.5	89.6
Pios.	13,867	82.3	31.7	3.3	65.7
Aux. Pios.	10,166	58.6	18.9	1.5	43.6
Pubs.	488,698	8.3	3.7	.4	8.6
TOTAL	513,370				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,107

Announcements

● Literature offer for March: *Making Your Family Life Happy,* for 35c. For April: *Watchtower* subscription for one year, with 384- or 416-page book free to new subscribers; $2.00. (*Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!* and *"The Nations Shall Know that I Am Jehovah"—How?* may be ordered from the Society. We have ample supplies.) For May: Three pocket-size books for $1.00. In each set include the book *God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good.*

● On Saturday, April 14, the Bethel home and factory and Watchtower Farms buildings will be closed for spring cleaning, so there will be no arrangements for tours on that day.

● The special talk may be given the following week if a circuit overseer's visit or circuit assembly is scheduled for April 1.

● New Publications Available:

Holy Spirit—The Force Behind the Coming New Order! —Korean
My Book of Bible Stories —Japanese
True Peace and Security—From What Source? —Polish, Tahitian
Bible Topics for Discussion —Dutch, Finnish, Hiri Motu, Melanesian-Pidgin
"This Good News of the Kingdom" —Korean, Niuean

● As of April 1, 1979, the following changes in prices for Bibles published by the Society will become effective.

	Pio.	Cong.	Public
Regular edition (bi12)	$1.00	$1.90	$2.00
Pocket-size (bi24)	$1.00	$1.90	$2.00
Authorized Version (bi10)	$1.00	$1.90	$2.00
American Standard Version (bi11)	$1.00	$1.90	$2.00
Deluxe edition (Dbi12)	$2.00	$4.00	$4.00
New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures	$ .50	$ .90	$1.00

● Correction: The February *Our Kingdom Service* shows a figure of 4,711 newly dedicated, baptized ones for the November Service Report. This was the total baptized since September. November's total alone was 1,828.

Meetings for Field Service *(Cont'd)*

2. Who else should be invited?
3. How can the printed invitations be used? (Read and discuss suggestion from Presenting the Good News, par. 3.)

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

God's Kingdom Is the Solution.

1. Concern about family life; applying Bible counsel can improve our lives.
2. Only God's kingdom can lastingly solve our problems. —Matt. 6:9, 10.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life Does Have a Purpose:*

March 4:	Pages 72 to 77*
March 11:	Pages 77 to 87*
March 18:	Pages 87 to 98*
March 25:	Pages 98 to 107

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* To chapter heading.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Memorial Invitations

1 The Memorial celebration brings to our minds what Christ has done in behalf of *all* of us, both those of the anointed remnant and the "other sheep." Though Christ's command, "Keep doing this in remembrance of me," was specifically addressed to those who were to reign with him in the heavens as kings and priests, all of us have benefited from the sacrifice that he offered that very day. And this is still open to thousands, perhaps millions more who have yet to exercise faith.—Luke 22:19; John 3:16.

2 Therefore all who truly appreciate Christ's ransom sacrifice, as well as God's arrangement for Kingdom rule by those taken into the "new covenant," will want to be present as observers in memorial of this important occasion. Those who attend have the spirit of John the Baptizer, who, knowing that his position was similar to that of an observer at a wedding ceremony, rejoiced with the bride (the anointed) and the bridegroom (Jesus).—John 3:29.

3 How can we bring these points home to those we invite to join with us for the Memorial observance? Of course, the printed Memorial invitations will be helpful, but we will want to make a warm personal appeal along with the invitation. Perhaps one could say something like this: "I very much want to give you this personal invitation to our yearly celebration of the Lord's Evening Meal. To be there shows that one appreciates what Christ has done for us. Notice here at 2 Corinthians 5:14 how the Bible indicates that we should show our appreciation: [Read to ". . . died for all."] The Lord's Evening Meal is the only occasion that Christ himself commanded for special observance. At the meeting there will be an explanation from the Bible of the meaning of this event and its significance in our lives today. We hope you will arrange to be with us on Wednesday evening, April 11. The time and the address of our Kingdom Hall are on the invitation I gave you." Other scriptures that could be used are Acts 4:12 and John 14:6.

4 No doubt our love for God and his Son will 'compel us' to invite all possible to assemble on this most important occasion. Especially should we encourage those who have already shown some interest in the truth to be present and, if possible, offer to call for them.

What Can You Do . . . ? (*Cont'd*)

my desire to become a regular pioneer, but I was wary, due to my obligations as a wife and as a mother of three children, aged 11, 6 and 4. However, after attending the 'Victorious Faith' Convention in Pontiac, Mich., I knew that, if Jehovah willed, I *could* do it! I was especially encouraged and strengthened by Thursday's talks on pioneering. Right then, I decided to put Jehovah to the test. He has answered my prayers. Last night I received my appointment as a regular pioneer." This sister felt her circumstances would permit her to pioneer; that may not be true of all mothers. But during just the last month of these "Victorious Faith" conventions, the U.S. branch received over 740 applications for the regular pioneer service, more than for any month during the preceding three years! Many of these were married couples who want to pioneer together. Others were teen-agers, widows, retired folks, housewives and people from all walks of life. Holy spirit is helping them to do what many once thought impossible. They are pioneering!

6 Of course, some have Scriptural obligations that make it impossible to be regular pioneers. Even so, many of these find a way to auxiliary pioneer from time to time. Their hearts are in the pioneer work. They have the pioneer spirit.

YOU CAN ENCOURAGE PIONEERING

7 Many of the elders are among those who reflect this spirit. Some of them are able to auxiliary pioneer, and even where this is not possible, they give enthusiastic support to those who can.

8 Unfortunately, not all publishers seem to have this spirit. Some have been heard to discourage those who are in a position to pioneer from doing so. However, they may not appreciate the benefits that result to those who "taste and see that Jehovah is good." (Ps. 34:8) Many who have set aside pursuits that brought them material advantages in order to pioneer have been richly blessed. Seeking the Kingdom first in expression of their faith has increased their spiritual treasures. And, as the Scriptures promise, Jehovah has added the material things they needed.—Matt. 6:33.

9 We are commanded to preach the Kingdom good news. For many to share in this work more fully it could mean pioneering. What a fine way to carry out the words of our yeartext: "My Father is glorified in this, that you keep bearing much fruit and prove yourselves my disciples." (John 15:8) Thus glorifying Jehovah we can be confident of his backing and the help of his holy spirit.

Pioneers and Their Reports

A variety of questions involving pioneer service are received by the office in Brooklyn. We thought you would be interested in a few of them and the gist of the answers that we give. For example:

- Should auxiliary pioneers be counted as such if their application was approved by the elders but then they were not able to devote 60 hours to the field service? *Yes.*

- May coffee and lunch breaks be counted as field service time? *The "Organization" book (p. 126) says that the time to be counted on our reports is what we spend actually in Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making, witnessing to persons who are not themselves baptized Witnesses. Are you witnessing to someone while you have your coffee or eat lunch? Then count such time. If not, it might be better to start counting time again when you make your first call after lunch.*

- If a pioneer is ill or is involved in an accident, or serious family problems come along, and the individual wants to be given consideration so as to remain on the pioneer list without having to make up the time, who should write to the Society about the matter? *The local elders.*

A few other points that could save the office much time are these:

- Married sisters should show "Mrs." and then their husband's first name on their monthly report cards (e.g., Mrs. John Witness). If someone else makes out the card for the pioneer, it would be appreciated if the pioneer would check to be sure that the name is correct.

- When single pioneer sisters marry, they should supply the Society with the husband's first and last name and the date of the marriage. Thereafter they should list their name as requested in the preceding point.

- Pioneers should inform the Society if they move from one congregation to another or if they are going to be away from their home congregation for more than three months.

- When anyone finds it necessary to stop pioneering for some reason, he should notify the elders in the congregation. They should then notify the Society, using the S-206 form. A brief explanation should be given as to why the individual has stopped pioneering and the form should be signed by the local service committee.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY CHANGES

The 1979 district assemblies listed as "tentative" in the February 1, 1979, issue of *The Watchtower* and February *Our Kingdom Service* are now definite, with the exception that the *two* assemblies and circuits listed to attend East Rutherford, N.J., have been changed to *one* assembly at East Rutherford, N.J., on July 26-29.

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Meetings for Field Service

APRIL 2-8
How to Introduce Yourself

1. Why is it advantageous not to introduce yourself in the same way all the time?
2. Should your introduction be (a) formal? (b) jovial? (c) warm and friendly? Why?
3. What ways of introducing yourself have you found appropriate in the territory? What do you find it best to avoid?

APRIL 9-15
Using Questions

1. Why is it good to use questions to involve the householder in conversation? (Compare Luke 10:36.)
2. What kind of questions do you find it better to avoid, and why?
3. Why is it best to avoid asking too many questions?
4. What might you do if your questions are not answered?

APRIL 16-22
Starting Bible Studies

1. What have you personally found to be an effective way of starting studies?
2. How do you keep the interest alive in the event that you are not able to start the study right away?
3. How can we start studies without making the householder feel pressured?

APRIL 23-29
Thorough Territory Coverage

1. Why is it important to follow

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Do You Appreciate What Jesus Christ Did for You?

[1] No other man who has ever lived on earth could do what Jesus Christ did for mankind. He has aided us to receive the greatest gift anyone can obtain, everlasting life. Yet, most people have little appreciation for what he did. How about you?

[2] Lack of appreciation is a serious matter, and especially is this so with regard to our attitude toward the Son of God. (Heb. 10:28, 29) In contrast, how can we show that we are truly appreciative? For one thing, we will surely be in attendance at the Memorial on Wednesday evening, April 11. But more is involved than that. We can be helped to realize this by reviewing briefly a few of the thrilling events during Jesus' last six days on earth.

NISAN 9

[3] On his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Sunday, Nisan 9, the disciples were overjoyed at seeing "the One coming as the King in Jehovah's name!" Their appreciation for the Messianic king moved them to "rejoice and praise God with a loud voice concerning all the powerful works they had seen." (Luke 19:37, 38) If you had been present that day, undoubtedly you would have shared in praising God. Would you have had the same appreciation a week, months, or even years later?

[4] The expressions of praise were so important that Jesus said: "If these [disciples] remained silent, the stones would cry out." (Luke 19:40) If the stones had done so, would that not have revealed a lack of appreciation on the part of the disciples? Today Christ is actively ruling as King with his Father. Do we truly appreciate what that means? If so, we will be 'rejoicing and praising God with a loud voice' in the field service.

NISAN 10, 11

[5] On Monday, Nisan 10, the chief priests and scribes schemed to destroy Jesus, "for they were in fear of him, for all the crowd was continually being astounded at his teaching." (Mark 11:18) Despite this religious opposition, Jesus courageously "entered into the temple and . . . overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves." (Mark 11:15) What high regard he showed for Jehovah's worship! It is true that we are not authorized to take physical action against those practicing wrong things, but we can be both courageous and zealous as Jesus was for Jehovah's worship. (Compare the similar action at John 2:14-17.) Do we personally show such qualities for Jehovah's worship?

[6] On the next day, Tuesday, Nisan 11, the Son of God fearlessly denounced the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. Right in Jerusalem he told them: "You shut up the kingdom of the heavens before men; for you yourselves do not go in, neither do you permit those on their way in to go in." (Matt. 23:13) At the same time, Jesus

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Is Your Witnessing Purposeful?

[1] What do Jesus' words at Matthew 24:14 and 28:19, 20 mean to you? As disciples of God's Son, do we see the urgent need not only to proclaim the "good news," but also to make disciples of responsive ones, teaching them to observe the commandments of Jesus? The carrying out of this commission puts real purpose into the work that we do in the field service. We will approach people not only to place literature, but also to discuss the Bible with them. Our main objective will be to start Bible studies with persons in order to help them to become true disciples. With this in mind, we will take note of those who show even a little interest in the Kingdom message.

[2] Our attitude is important. Do we really *want* to make a disciple for Christ? Are we willing to put forth the effort? Instead of simply spending a little time in the field service once in a while, are we willing to set aside time on a regular basis to conduct a Bible study? Doing so, we will find our witnessing will become more purposeful.

[3] Do we make the finding of sheeplike ones and the desire for a Bible study a subject of our prayers? (1 John 5:14) After praying, do we become easily discouraged if such prayers seemingly go unanswered for a time? Or, do we persevere in our prayers and work in harmony with what we are praying for?

[4] We realize, of course, that not everyone is going to agree to have

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING APRIL 1

10 min: Song 118 and general announcements. Please encourage audience to read the portions in the book of Mark suggested in the chart under Announcements.

30 min: "Do You Appreciate What Jesus Christ Did for You?" Discuss article with good audience participation. The material in the article should be thoroughly covered, using the questions found in the paragraphs in an effort to help the audience make personal application. As a conclusion, ask the audience: What did you learn from this discussion? How should appreciation for what Jesus did affect our lives?

10 min: Have You Invited All to Come to the Memorial? Who should be invited? (Bible students, interested persons, relatives, neighbors, acquaintances, inactive publishers, people who have stopped studying) Invite brothers or sisters to demonstrate briefly how to reach these individuals. Have the audience comment on why the things said by the publishers could be helpful. Conclude by asking what might be done to reach those whom we cannot find at home.

10 min: Share points from latest magazines that could be used in field service. Do not merely call attention to the titles of the articles, but to specific points that might be helpful to the brothers. Publishers should have been encouraged to bring their own copies of the latest magazines for this part. Urge all to participate in the field service during the weekend. Song 32 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 8

Elders may decide if a Theocratic School and service meeting should be scheduled for this week in view of the Memorial. If service meeting is held, you may include the article "Youths—Are You on the Road to Real Success?" in the April 1, 1979, issue of *The Watchtower*.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 15

10 min: Song 1 and general announcements. Comments on John 15:16 as it relates to fruitbearing, and what is meant by having our fruit remain. (Compare John 15:5, 6; *w78* 12/15, p. 22, ¶2, 3.)

10 min: Experiences from publishers on use of subscription offer. (Have one or two prepared ahead of time.) Display latest April magazines and comment on them, making local application to field service. Have well-prepared, qualified young publisher demonstrate offering two latest April magazines, using a simplified form of the Topic for Conversation and a particular article. Have audience comment on why it and others would be effective in your territory. Also, mention that the new paper used in *The Watchtower* has made the magazines more attractive.

20 min: "Is Your Witnessing Purposeful?" Discussion involving audience by means of thought-provoking questions. Highlight paragraphs 2 and 7 in article by reading them. Advise congregation of the number of return visits and Bible studies being conducted locally and the number of publishers sharing in these activities. As time permits, work in local experiences of those having success in Bible study work and get their viewpoint toward it. Are there any young publishers conducting studies? How do they enjoy it? Highlight throughout discussion that our purpose is not just to place literature, but to find and feed sheeplike ones.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—Are You Effectively Covering Your Territory?" Read and thoroughly discuss each paragraph with audience. Stress point made that we are interested in making disciples, not just covering territory or placing literature.

5 min: Announcements on times and locations of meetings for field service, and current offer to be used. Be sure to bring your *1979 Yearbook* to service meeting next week. Song 68 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 22

8 min: Introduction, song 31 and general announcements.

15 min: What Are We Doing with What We Are Learning?

Work needs to be done on this part WELL IN ADVANCE. Many fine field points and suggestions to help in our everyday lives are considered at our meetings. Are we using what is being brought to our attention? On this part, use 5 minutes to consider special public talk and 10 minutes for the Theocratic School. Early in the month assign one or two book study groups to be prepared to cover each of these two meetings. Ask them to be alert to use points gleaned from the material discussed at these meetings. It may be that certain material will help them to make personal decisions, having something to use in informal or in house-to-house witnessing, when making return visits or in stimulating the interest of Bible students in our meetings. During the part, publishers from the groups can then tell their experiences, highlighting the value of what we have learned. This should not be a review of the material. Tell the congregation that we are going to do this again next month.

30 min: "Declaration of Our Faith." (*yb79* pp. 256-259) As time permits, elder handling this part should read material paragraph by paragraph, using the following questions as a basis for discussion: Pars. 1, 2: What is faith? What do we need to keep on doing respecting our faith?

Par. 3: What world developments convince us that "seeking first the kingdom" is the only right course? How do we demonstrate that this is what we are doing?

Par. 4: What are some of the sad consequences resulting from ignorance of the Bible? What proof do we have that living by the Bible produces marvelous results? How can we show that true faith has a wholesome effect on people's lives?

Pars. 5, 6: Why can we be confident that Jehovah will grant success to our efforts to help others spiritually?

Pars. 7, 8: What hope do we have for the future, and why are we confident of its fulfillment?

Pars. 9, 10: What determination did we express in the "Declaration"? How do we show that this continues to be our resolve?

Pars. 11, 12: How can we continue to demonstrate that we have complete confidence in Jehovah God and in his Son?

Par. 13: Conclude with encouragement for all to continue thinking about what we have resolved and to live up to it.

7 min: Field service announcements, song 7 and prayer.

Witnessing Purposeful? (*Cont'd*)

a home Bible study. Often those to whom we talk do not appreciate the Kingdom message. Is that going to make us give up? Just think how Jeremiah felt when preaching for 40 years with very little response. He got discouraged, but he also got over it and kept on doing the work that Jehovah had assigned to him. (Jer. 20:9) It was not his privilege to help large numbers of persons to change their course and do Jehovah's will, but he did see fruitage from his labors. Ebed-melech and the sons of Jonadab were spared when Jerusalem was destroyed.

5 Similarly, in our day, there are publishers who have engaged in the field service for many years, seemingly with very limited results. However, because of their perseverance, they have been privileged to aid a few, in various ways, to take hold of the truth, and so these too have the prospect of deliverance, at the coming "great tribulation." Constancy in Jehovah's service, along with a genuine interest in helping people, has brought them much joy.

6 Now, what about yourself? Undoubtedly there are publishers that you know who are having good success in disciple-making. Why not invite them to share with you some of their methods and viewpoints toward their service? No doubt this would be very encouraging to you as you endeavor to increase your own effectiveness and joy in disciple-making.

7 It has been noted that those most successful in making disciples are those interested in people more than hours or placements. They are 'people-conscious' and Bible-study conscious. At each door, where possible, some of them say to the householder: "We are calling to offer a free home Bible study and are prepared to give you a brief demonstration of how it would be conducted." This may be very effective. On one occasion, a publisher in the house-to-house work was asked by the householder soon after he began his presentation: "What do you want? Get to the point." So the publisher answered: "I would like to offer you a free home Bible study." The householder accepted it.

8 Do you have a positive attitude toward disciple-making through Bible study activity? Truly, putting forth the effort to make disciples can bring us many rewards and blessings.

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Announcements

● Please note the literature offers for the following months. Order any needed literature *now.*

April: *Watchtower* subscription and one free 384- or 416-page book, or the pocket-size book *God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good,* for $2.00. Publishers placing the large bound books may obtain them from the literature counter for 10c each. The congregation may request 35c credit for each large book placed over the counter during April. The pocket-size *"Eternal Purpose"* book may also be obtained for 10c by the publishers, and the congregation may request 20c credit for each of those books placed with the brothers. Congregations requesting credit should use the Remittance and Credit Request form on the lines below "other items."

May and June: Three pocket-size books for $1.00. In each set include the book *God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good.* If none of this publication is on hand, congregations may submit orders to the Society.

July: *Watchtower* subcription, for $2.00; a pocket-size book as a gift with a new subscription for one year.

● The only ones appropriately invited to attend the pioneer meeting during the circuit overseer's visit are those currently in the regular or special pioneer service and those who are in the auxiliary pioneer service *at the time of his visit.* This is in harmony with the *Organization* book, page 83, designating this as a special meeting with the pioneers.

● Before the Memorial, we would like to suggest that you do Bible reading from the book of Mark as outlined below. It covers the last six days of Jesus' life on the earth. We recommend that, if possible, you do this reading as a family. If you are not able to do that, read it personally.

We have scheduled the reading a day or so ahead of the Jewish date on which the events took place, so you can finish your Bible reading before Nisan 14, which begins after sundown on April 11.

If you would like to read further information on the events that took place during the final week of Jesus' public ministry, please see the *Aid* book, page 930.

Thursday, April 5	Mark 11:1-11	Nisan 9
Friday, April 6	Mark 11:12-19	Nisan 10
Saturday, April 7	Mark 11:20–13:37	Nisan 11
Sunday, April 8	Mark 14:1-11	Nisan 12
Monday, April 9	Mark 14:12-16	Nisan 13
Tuesday, April 10	Mark 14:17–15:47	Nisan 14

● District assembly lapel cards in English and Spanish, and the celluloid holders, should be ordered on the regular Literature Order Blank. Please send in orders after April 1, 1979. The lapel cards are 1c each and the celluloid holders are 5c each.

● New Publications Available:

Unseen Spirits—Do They Help Us? Or Do They Harm Us? —Italian
Jehovah's Witnesses and the Question of Blood —French, Hiri Motu
Holy Spirit—The Force Behind the Coming New Order! —Afrikaans, Danish, Dutch
Good News—to Make You Happy —Afrikaans, Dutch, Gujarati, Kanarese, Malayalam

● Available Again in U.S.A.:

Watch Tower Publications Index for 1977 —English

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Do You Appreciate . . . *(Cont'd)*

was putting forth every effort to aid people to get into that kingdom. It was on that same day, outside of Jerusalem, that Jesus gave his disciples the outstanding prophecy about the sign of his presence and the conclusion of the system of things. He urged his disciples then, and us today, not to let other affairs of life distract from the importance of these events. Pointedly he said: 'Pay attention to yourselves so that your hearts may never become weighed down with overeating, and heavy drinking, and anxieties of life.' (Luke 21:34) How much do we appreciate what he said? Is the message that he delivered back then as important to us as it is to him?

[7] On that same day Jesus drew attention to a woman who discerned the preciousness of the things of God. He pointed out a widow in the temple who had dropped into the treasury chest two coins of very little value. But, as Jesus explained, this was "all the means of living she had." (Luke 21:1-4) Do the things that we do to advance the interests of true worship show that we appreciate it as much as she did?

NISAN 12-14

[8] On Wednesday, Nisan 12, Jesus did not return to Jerusalem. But the Bible tells us he was anointed with very expensive perfumed oil by a woman named Mary. As Jesus said, 'She did it in preparation for my burial.' (John 12:7) He appreciated her kindness so much that he said: "Wherever this good news is preached in all the world, what this woman did shall also be told as a remembrance of her." (Matt. 26:13) This incident sparked the greed of Judas. He "went to the chief priests" to bargain with them as to what they would give him for betraying Jesus.—Matt. 26:14, 15.

[9] Before sundown, Thursday, Nisan 13, God's Son made arrangements for his last passover with the disciples. Nisan 14 began about 6 p.m., and Jesus faced a very difficult 20 hours or so. At the Passover meal he washed the feet of his apostles, including those of Judas. This was a special night for the Son of God and for his apostles. He said to them: "I have greatly desired to eat this passover with you." (Luke 22:15) How difficult it must have been for Jesus to know that Judas, eating right there with the other apostles, would betray him! After they ate the Passover meal, Judas left, and Jesus instituted with the eleven faithful apostles the memorial of his own death. When the betrayer left the table, Jesus knew that his most difficult hours were fast approaching. The fulfillment of his Father's Word and the life prospects of all mankind depended on what he would do. Before singing praises to God and departing for the garden of Gethsemane, he prayed, not only for himself, but for individuals who had not as yet even put faith in him. (John 17:20) What unselfish love for people!

[10] Out in Gethsemane, he repeatedly prayed with deep feeling to his Father. He had told three of his disciples: "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death. Stay here and keep on the watch with me." (Matt. 26:38) But, failing to appreciate the significance of what was about to take place, they fell asleep. Soon the betrayer appeared, along with a great crowd that had swords and clubs. While the disciples fled, Jesus was taken into custody.

[11] After being betrayed, Jesus spent the rest of the night and the following morning before the chief priests, the Sanhedrin, Herod and Pilate. Finally, around three o'clock Friday afternoon, Nisan 14, as he hung from the torture stake, Jesus declared: "It has been accomplished!" "Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit." When he had said this, he expired.—John 19:30; Luke 23:46.

[12] What a fine record of courage and loyalty! However, what Jesus did was not for his own glory. It was to honor his Father. Also, the apostle Peter said: "Christ suffered for *YOU.*" How should we show appreciation for his outstanding and unselfish way of life on our behalf? Not only by attending the Memorial. As Peter stated: "Christ suffered for you, *leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely.*" (1 Pet. 2:21) Yes, in every way, let us show deep appreciation for what Jesus did, striving every day to do things that will contribute to the vindication of Jehovah's name.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life Does Have a Purpose:*

April 1:	Pages 108 to 119*
April 8:	Pages 119 to 126*
April 15:	Pages 126 to 130*
April 22:	Pages 130 to 137*
April 29:	Pages 137 to 143*

* To subheading or chapter heading.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Are You Effectively Covering Your Territory?

1 Did you know that, on the average, for every publisher in the United States there are about 403 persons needing to hear the "good news"? Why is it vital that all be contacted with the Kingdom message? It is because their very lives are at stake, as well as our own. (Ezek. 3:17-19; 33:6; 1 Tim. 4:16) Many people are still responding to the "good news" throughout the country. So, we should be interested not just in how many times we can cover our territory in a given period or in how much literature we can place, but in how many persons we can reach with our Scriptural message of the Kingdom.

2 In order to cover our territory thoroughly, we should not overlook the value of keeping an accurate record of those who are not at home. Do you keep such a record? And then, do you go back and try to contact the people who live in each one of those homes? As you know, on your first return call you still may not find them at home. But try again. If repeated calls do not yield results, why not try the telephone or perhaps write them a letter? Do not give up until you get in touch with them. They need to hear the "good news." None of us should feel that a territory has been covered if we still have even a few homes where we have not yet contacted the occupants, either in person or by mail. However, it would be helpful to turn the territory in at least by the end of four months. It can be checked out again, if advisable.

3 Those in whom we are particularly interested, of course, are those who listen appreciatively to the Kingdom message. Some of these accept literature; others simply show interest in the things that we point out to them from the Bible. In each case, however, should we not be planning to make a return visit? If we have that in mind, we ought to keep a good record showing the name of the householder and any other information that will help us to follow through on the interest already shown. Does it make sense to go on working more territory week after week if we are not calling back on interested ones that we have already located? Can we really say that we are covering our territory effectively if we fail to make those return visits? Even after a territory has been turned in, we should continue to follow through on any interest that we have found.

4 While having in mind effective coverage of our territory, we may find that certain recommended topics for conversation are not well received in a particular territory. This may be due to religious, social or cultural backgrounds of the people there. You may then find it advisable to use another topic for conversation, perhaps from among the fine ones found in past issues of *Our Kingdom Service,* that is more suitable for that type of territory. For example, we can appreciate that in some predominantly Jewish sections our approach may need to be adjusted considerably from one used in mainly Catholic territories. This would apply in other circumstances as well. By using discernment and being adaptable with our presentations, we may be able to stimulate more interest in the Bible's message in the territory.

5 As we all know, there are some territories that are more productive than others. That being so, we should not insist on working all territories in a strict rotation. This means that some territory may be worked more often than other territory. Certainly, all the territory in the congregation needs to be covered, and it would be beneficial to cover all of it thoroughly at least once a year. But we are especially interested in making disciples. So, if some areas prove to be more fruitful than others, it might be beneficial to cover these more often. In his service, the apostle Paul did not cover every province in Asia Minor on the basis of strict rotation. He followed the leading of Jehovah's spirit, and that spirit directed him into areas that proved to be fruitful in producing new praisers of Jehovah. —Acts 16:6-10, 14; 18:9-11.

6 The purpose of covering our territory effectively is to give people an opportunity to come to know the "good news." As we find interest, then, we should be alert to demonstrate our Bible study arrangement so as to make disciples of sheeplike ones in obedience to Jesus' command.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

God's Kingdom Is the Solution. Matt. 6:9, 10.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Ireland reported a 5-percent increase in publishers over last year's average, with 1,825 sharing in the field activity. They enjoyed distributing the new publication My Book of Bible Stories.

◆ Italy reported another new peak in publishers during December, with 73,430 active in Kingdom service. The publishers averaged 10.9 hours in the service and they rejoiced to see 822 baptized during the month.

◆ The brothers in Portugal were busy in Jehovah's service during the month of December, with 20,073 sharing in the evangelizing work. A total of 862 shared in the auxiliary pioneer work, including 6 members of the Bethel family in Portugal.

◆ After spending 20 years in detention in the People's Republic of China, a faithful sister, "bright, cheerful and full of faith," was recently released.

◆ During December, international conventions were held in the cities of Accra and Kumasi, Ghana. At these conventions a total of 61,595 were in attendance and 737 were baptized. The total attendance was outstanding in that it was almost three times the average number of publishers in the country.

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

- Starting in July the book *Is This Life All There Is?* will be used in the congregation book studies. Study question booklets for this book have been prepared and should be ordered now by congregations for five cents each. Also, if some publishers do not have a personal copy of the book, you may need to order some of these.
- The Society now has a limited supply of cassette recordings of *The Good News According to John* with *Braille labels* for use by the blind. These cassettes may be obtained by writing to the Society's Braille Desk in Brooklyn. Please remit $3.00 for each set at the time of ordering. Cassettes should not be stocked by the congregations.
- Is it appropriate to have a Kingdom Hall sign saying: "Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Christian Witnesses"? So there will be uniformity, the Society encourages all to make their signs read: "Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses." (See October 1978 *Our Kingdom Service,* page 3, paragraph 5.)

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up on not-at-homes? To what extent?

2. Why should we follow through on all interest found?
3. What are you planning to do about these things today?

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	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	638	126.8	47.2	4.5	85.2
Pios.	13,806	86.7	34.4	4.1	66.5
Aux. Pios.	9,243	60.0	21.7	1.7	45.0
Pubs.	484,622	7.6	3.7	.4	7.7
TOTAL	508,309				

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APRIL 30–MAY 6
New Topic for Conversation

1. Review briefly talking points from Psalm 146.
2. Have someone demonstrate presentation from pars. 2 and 3 of Presenting the Good News. (Planned in advance)
3. Discuss how brief presentation may be made as in par. 5.

MAY 7-13
Introductions

1. What introduction to the new Topic for Conversation are you planning to use?
2. How might some objections be overcome in our introductions before the householder raises them?
3. How do you adapt your introduction to different age groups?

MAY 14-20
Listening to People We Talk To

1. Why is it necessary to listen when the householder is talking?
2. Why might we have a tendency to neglect listening to the householder?
3. How can you incorporate the householder's comments into your presentation?

MAY 21-27
Return Visits, Using Psalm 146

1. What notations on your house-to-house record would help you in making a return visit?
2. What verses of Psalm 146

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Spreading the Good News with Joy

1 "Go your way; your son lives." Can you imagine the joy Jesus felt in speaking these comforting words to a king's attendant, whose son had been near death! And the child did live! (John 4:46-53) Repeatedly Jesus delivered good news like this. (Matt. 8:13; 15:28) The apostles also made news when they said: "In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!" And the lame man walked! Surely their hearts warmed with joy as they brought good news to others!—Acts 3:1-10; 5:15.

SIMILAR GOOD NEWS TODAY?

2 Can we really deliver good news like this today? *Indeed we can!* We can tell people, 'Your redeemed son will live,' or, 'You will walk again, yes, leap and run just as a stag does!' No, this will not occur as soon as you say it, as it did when Jesus and his apostles spoke, but it will really happen under the rule of God's kingdom. And when it occurs it will be even more wonderful, because then there will be no need for healed ones to get sick again or ever die. We can open God's Word and present evidence that no one will get sick and die. —Rev. 21:3, 4.

3 Is not this message about the Kingdom the best news you could give to anyone? Yes, indeed. You could not offer a person anything more valuable—bars of gold or bags of diamonds are not as precious as "the good news." Surely, the privilege of spreading this message about God's purposes should bring us joy! Why, then, is joy at times lacking among some who bear the good news?

ENEMIES OF OUR JOY

4 Principally, the lack of joy is because of the opposition and indifference to the good news. Most persons simply do not want to hear it; they may scoff and ridicule. But remember, the apostle Paul said that "the good news . . . is veiled among those who are perishing." Veiled by whom? By Satan. Yes, he has blinded peoples' minds so that "the glorious good news . . . might not shine through." (2 Cor. 4:3, 4) Keeping this fact in mind can help us maintain our joy. How so?

5 A faithful brother at Brooklyn Bethel, who spent many years in the circuit work, says that, as he speaks with people, he continually

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Can You Have a Part in Disciple-Making?

1 As those familiar with farm operations well know, each spring a farmer plows, harrows and plants his fields. Thereafter he must cultivate, water and weed the crop. Thus he follows through so as to reap the fullest harvest possible. Likewise, a Kingdom publisher who shares fully in the door-to-door work must make further attempts to cultivate the interest shown by various ones.

2 It is true that some people, as it were, 'come into the truth by themselves.' But, most interest has to be cultivated and nourished carefully. Yet some say that they are not capable of developing interest and starting and conducting studies. Does this mean that such publishers cannot have a part in disciple-making?

ALL CAN SHARE

3 To "upward of five hundred brothers," who had apparently gathered at a post-resurrection appearance in Galilee, Jesus said: "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, . . . teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you." (1 Cor. 15:6; Matt. 28:10, 19, 20) Since those 500 or so brothers evidently included men, women and possibly even children, does this not indicate that *all can share* in disciple-making today? One older sister from Pennsylvania, who does not speak English well and cannot read the language at all, nevertheless has a share in getting Bible studies started. How does she do this?

4 She has a goal in mind when she engages in the house-to-house work. Her goal is not just to place literature, although she does place much of it. She manifests real concern for the welfare of the people with whom she speaks. Householders appreciate her obvious sincerity and kindness. She promises to return, *and she does.* But she brings along a publisher who is experienced in conducting Bible studies. A Bible study may then be arranged. Some of these persons have come into the truth. Although this older sister does not conduct stud-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING APRIL 29

12 min: Song 80. Appropriate announcements from *Our Kingdom Service* and general announcements. Remind brothers that they will be asked during last meeting of month to tell what they have been doing with the things they have learned.

20 min: Discussion of Psalm 146 with the purpose of familiarizing ourselves with the psalm that is the basis of our suggested presentation for May through August. To be handled by a well-qualified teacher. Have verses read by different ones in audience, asking such questions as the following after each reading:

Vs. 1: As Jehovah's Witnesses, what do we want to do? How does our sharing in field service help to accomplish this?

Vs. 2: In our efforts to make known God's government, what should be our determination?

Vss. 3, 4: What are we advised not to do? Why? How could we use these verses to show that confidence in human governments is not practical?

Vss. 5, 6: What is the basis of true happiness? Why is Jehovah the one in whom we should trust? How could we use these verses to show that confidence in a government by God is practical?

Vss. 7-9: What will Jehovah do for the downtrodden and unfortunate? Whom does Jehovah love? Who will not prosper? How will our using this information encourage people to have confidence in a government by God?

Vs. 10: For how long is Jehovah to rule? Why does this give us confidence in God's government? So, what should we do? In conclusion stress that Jehovah's kingdom, his government, is mankind's true hope. We have confidence in it and want to help others to have such confidence.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Our Topic for Conversation." Chairman to base opening remarks on paragraph 1, drawing attention to our previous Topic for Conversation and the appropriateness of following it up with our new one. Then have qualified publisher demonstrate presentation in paragraphs 2-4 with householder who is willing to listen. Chairman should interrupt at appropriate points and ask audience why they feel this is a good way to introduce a point or to draw householder out, and so forth. Analyze whole presentation point by point with audience. Then have a second presentation by a new or youthful publisher who gives a simplified presentation using only Psalm 146:3 and the suggestions in paragraph 5. Consider paragraphs 6-8 by means of audience participation, emphasizing that our ultimate goal is to make disciples.

8 min: Field service announcements. Song 81 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 6

8 min: Song 58 and general announcements.

23 min: "Spreading the Good News with Joy." To be handled by an elder with good teaching ability, using the question-and-answer method. Have the paragraphs read by a good reader. Enthusiastically affirm how grand the good news is that we bear, highlighting who it is that is attempting to dampen our joy. Show how joy can be realized in defeating his efforts. Emphasize the ways in which many of God's people maintain their joy in spite of obstacles. Stress the importance of good preparation (par. 10); let publishers illustrate this by relating personal experiences.

22 min: "Can You Have a Part in Disciple-Making?" Talk by elder emphasizing that it is a Christian responsibility for all to share in telling the good news and in making disciples. (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) Raise the question: But can all really have a part in disciple-making? Have three publishers, prepared in advance, relate the three experiences in the article. After each experience, ask for similar experiences that local publishers may know about. Draw comments from the audience as to how it is possible for all to share in disciple-making. Show ways in which we all can have a part in this vital activity.

7 min: Field service announcements. Song 89 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 13

8 min: Song 17 and general announcements.

25 min: Opposition Overcome, Evidence of Backing by God's Spirit. Talk highlighting Jesus' promise at Acts 1:8. Use material from *1979 Yearbook* to prove that God's spirit backs those who serve him and helps to turn back Devil-inspired opposition. Assign publishers in advance to relate briefly some of the experiences cited below, with speaker telling the others. Clergy opposition unsuccessful: p. 40 ¶1-4; p. 65 ¶1; p. 215 ¶2. Mob action failed: p. 208 ¶3 to p. 209 ¶3; p. 218 ¶2 to p. 219 ¶1. Bans and censorship overcome: p. 139 ¶1 to p. 141 ¶4; p. 149 ¶3 to p. 150 ¶3. Police action backfired: p. 110 ¶2 to p. 112 ¶4. Hypocrisy of clergy aids honest-hearted ones: p. 102 ¶3 to p. 103 ¶2. In conclusion encourage brothers to read *Yearbook;* upbuilding experiences remind us that Jehovah is truly with us.

20 min: How Helpful Have the Meetings for Field Service Been to You? Handled by elder who has frequently conducted these meetings and does well. Point to the purpose of these meetings: *To help prepare publishers to be better equipped for field service.* Draw audience into discussion with questions such as: Have you found these discussions immediately before you go in field service helpful? In what way? What can you do to contribute to the effectiveness of these meetings? To illustrate value of these meetings, conduct the current discussion on "Listening to People We Talk To," letting audience serve as publishers who have met for service. If time permits, entertain experiences from audience showing successful applications of points from Meetings for Field Service. If you have not gone to a meeting for field service, discuss outlined material with car group or while en route to territory.

7 min: Suggest that audience bring their copies of March 22, 1979, *Awake!* with them for next week's meeting. Field service announcements. Song 57 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 20

Theme: Glorify God by Bearing Good Fruit.

8 min: Song 88 and general announcements. Introduce theme of meeting with brief comments on John 15:8 and 1 Peter 2:12.

15 min: Does Disco Glorify God? Discussion based on the material in the first three articles in the March 22, 1979, *Awake!*, making local application. Draw out the information in the articles by involving the audience with questions such as: What is disco? How popular is it in our community? Why do people go to discos? What evidence is there that disco has homosexual roots? Why is this a matter of concern to Christians? Why are disco's roots in ancient fertility dances also a matter of concern to Christians? While not all discos may be the same, what are the outstanding characteristics of disco? Are these things that glorify God? Why are disco movies such as "Saturday Night Fever" objectionable to Christians? What spiritual as well as physical dangers are encountered at many discos?

15 min: "How Christians Should View Disco." Talk and discussion of final article on disco in March 22, 1979, *Awake!* Raise and discuss following questions, drawing comments from audience: (Read applicable paragraphs.) What advice was given a teen-ager by a disco magazine? What are some of these harsh realities in the world today that are so often confronted at discos? How have some Christians been harmed spiritually by going to discos? What evidence is there that just because something is enjoyable, that does not make it pleasing to God? Although social gatherings can be upbuilding and fine, emphasize the need to watch one's conduct. Explain what developed at early Christian "love feasts." Encourage all to work together to keep the Christian congregation free from the unrestrained spirit of the world. At all times our conduct should glorify God.—1 Cor. 10:31.

17 min: Discussion of *Our Kingdom Service* insert from the beginning of article to the end of the section "Maintaining Honorable Conduct" (pars. 1-13). While this will primarily be a talk, elder should bring audience into discussion by asking questions that highlight such main points as making plans now to attend, commendation for improved conduct, applying Bible principles daily. Emphasize thoughts especially applying to your congregation.

5 min: Service announcements. Song 55 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 27

15 min: Song 18. General announcements. Talk: Why I Attend Conventions. In preparation, speaker should inquire of others in congregation what their reasons are for attending conventions and how they have applied things learned in their lives. Use these local expressions. Encourage all to arrange their affairs to attend "Living Hope" convention all four days.

15 min: "1979 'Living Hope' District Conventions." By question-and-answer discussion, consider material in insert from "Special Morning Field Service" to end of section "Music." Ask questions that will emphasize the making of plans now to share in field service at convention. To build enthusiasm for field service, quotes from the three conventions reported on can be read or briefly discussed. In portion from "Volunteer Service" through "Music," ask questions that will make sure the brothers understand clearly the situation regarding the need for volunteers and how they can go about volunteering their services. Help them to fully appreciate why the new arrangements for

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1979 "LIVING HOPE" DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

93 U.S. Assemblies—4 Days Each

Special Field Service Planned!

[1] The 1979 "Living Hope" District Conventions promise to be of high spiritual quality. These are crucial days, and as Jehovah continues to pour out his spirit upon all his faithful servants, they are strengthened to "stand" in this trialsome time. (Rom. 14:4) The February 1 *Watchtower* and the February insert of *Our Kingdom Service* provide detailed information as to locations of the 93 district conventions for the United States in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Greek, Japanese, Chinese and Korean. Have you made definite arrangements to attend? Much work has already been done in arranging for these conventions to be held in the continental United States alone. Because of their number these gatherings will, for the most part, be smaller and more convenient.

[2] Your determination to be there must be accompanied by good planning if you are to benefit fully from the assembly arrangements. To that end we are providing the following information.

MAINTAINING HONORABLE CONDUCT: Most of you will recall that last year much was said in the April *Our Kingdom Service* insert regarding the undesirable conduct and appearance of some of our brothers while attending assemblies over the past several years. So reproachful had some of these matters become that the Society even addressed this situation on the circuit assembly program and gave pointed counsel on how to correct it. Did you observe the favorable response to this counsel at the convention you attended? We did, and we were very pleased to see that most brothers took the counsel to heart and did something positive about it. (Heb. 12:4-11) This brings joy to the hearts of all of us, not to mention the joy it must bring to Jehovah's heart since his name is involved.—Prov. 27:11.

[4] You will be interested in some of the reports and comments following the international conventions last summer. Note this comment from a publisher: "For several years now I have been dismayed at the misconduct of quite a few of the brothers at assemblies; pushing and harsh words in waiting lines, filthy bathrooms, unruly crowds roaming hallways during sessions, etc. This year the assembly . . . was the most refreshing experience I can remember. The crowd there was the quietest, most orderly, obedient, and Christlike one I've seen in quite a few years. Most of the 400 rooms in the hotel where we stayed were occupied by Witnesses, and I have never seen a finer group. The pool was never crowded or noisy, the bathing suits were modest and becoming, nobody drank alcohol publicly and . . . the friends treated the employees as if they ran the best hotel in the world." Is it not refreshing to hear about such fine conduct? The regional manager of a motel chain said: "I can't recall ever having such a large group that exemplified their beliefs so tremendously as the Jehovah's Witnesses. We hope you will return." This demonstrates that fine conduct is not only refreshing to us, but also refreshing to many yet in the world who observe us.

[5] The motel manager in one city where conventions were held stated:

> "The guests that we have served who are Jehovah's Witnesses are undoubtedly the finest people that I have encountered. They have occupied many rooms here and there has never been a single instance of damage, they pay promptly and never disturb the other motel guests. To illustrate how impeccably honest these people are, I would like to tell you of an incident that occurred here. One of the Witnesses took a small washcloth when he left. It may have gotten mixed up with clothing. He mailed the washcloth back, along with an apology. I am sure that the cost of mailing the package far exceeded the value of the washcloth."

Such comments make us happy to call those who display such conduct our "brother" or "sister," do they not?

[6] This does not mean that we should not give more attention to the matter. As an example, note what another manager had to say about some of the brothers staying at his motel this past summer. After commenting about the tendency of parents to have too many children occupying one room he reported: "They would take the mattress off the bed and lay it on the floor to make extra bedding. They also used the bedspreads for the same purpose. Feeding children in the room and getting cereal on the carpet was a problem." A brother in another city said that the conduct last summer was "a little better, though children still are a problem to control as parents tend to let them run around loose in spite of the articles in *Our Kingdom Service,"* and so forth. What can be done about this, brothers? *Greater effort must be made by all of us and our children to exercise self-control and orderliness.*

[7] The good conduct generally displayed at our conventions certainly should not be limited to assembly time. If we find that conforming to the fine standard of conduct expected at larger conventions of Jehovah's people makes us feel cramped or takes away from our enjoyment of the occasion in some way, then we should do some serious thinking about how we conduct ourselves at the local Kingdom Hall and, more importantly, in our own homes. Is it not true that *everything* we do and say can either bring praise and honor to Jehovah or bring reproach to him? Surely as servants of Jehovah we desire to honor his name at all times.—Col. 3:23-25.

[8] At the root of the matter is the question: How successful am I in applying Bible principles? (Eph. 4:20-24) Those principles include modesty and cleanliness. Certainly we should want to be well groomed, clean, dressed in good taste and modestly. We do not want to be causes for stumbling on the part of others. (1 Cor. 10:23, 24, 31-33) Cleanliness and neatness should be characteristic of us every day so that it does not require unusual effort for us to avoid littering the assembly grounds.

[9] Knowing that others want to enjoy the program, we will not distract them by moving about or talking unnecessarily. We should be in our seats when the program starts.

[10] Likewise, love will prevent us from being inattentive to the needs of others by wanting to be first in lines or by failing to notice that they do not have a seat. Let us be willing to help others and do what we can to accommodate them. (Luke 6:31) In this way we cooperate with those who may specially volunteer as attendants, food service and cleaning personnel.

[11] Sometimes negative comments about conduct at assemblies have to do with young ones. Since we live in a corrupt and permissive society, great effort is required to shape youthful personalities in harmony with Jehovah's will. By giving attention to matters like this at home, we are less likely to experience such problems at assemblies.

[12] Since many of us include attending the assembly during our vacation period, we should be careful that the convention spirit does not become a vacation spirit. Otherwise, this may cause the importance of the convention to fade in the minds of ourselves or of our children. Should this be allowed to happen, it would interfere with our joy in assembling as Jehovah's people, due to the fact that our minds would be preoccupied with having a good time in a fleshly way rather than with the good spiritual things that Jehovah is providing.—2 Tim. 3:4, 5.

[13] We want to continue working hard to keep our conduct above reproach. EVERY CHRISTIAN, ESPECIALLY ELDERS, PARENTS AND MATURE PUBLISHERS, SHOULD FEEL PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE TO AID DISORDERLY ONES AMONG US, DEDICATED OR NOT, TO CHANGE THEIR CONDUCT WHILE WITH US BY KINDLY HELPING THEM TO ACT PROPERLY. (Gal. 6:1; Lev. 18:26; 19:17) In such cases, if elders or parents are not present and cannot be readily found, then any Christian present could calmly and kindly point out that Jehovah's name and our reputation are involved. By assisting everyone among us to appreciate this, no doubt we will regain and maintain our fine reputation in those areas where it has been damaged.—1 Tim. 3:7.

SPECIAL MORNING FIELD SERVICE: Field service at assemblies such as was enjoyed at the "Victorious Faith" conventions last summer was a delightful success. Truly Jehovah's blessing was evident as indicated by the expressions of appreciation:

Hawaii: "In addition to the many cars, 51 busloads of publishers were taken out into the service during the two conventions held. 70% of the Island was covered. Fine experiences were had and many Bible studies were started."

New Orleans: "My wife and I went with a group street witnessing on Friday morning. We can honestly say that we have never enjoyed ourselves more or felt Jehovah's spirit more strongly on us in service than we did on this occasion."

Pittsburgh: "Friday seemed to be the most outstanding day. Never have I seen such enthusiasm to share in the field service. At least 80% of the convention shared in the field service."

Field Service Plans

[15] At most conventions, service in the field will be on Friday at 9 a.m. from the various Kingdom Halls set aside for this purpose, as well as from motels and hotels where large groups of brothers are accommodated. In order to engage together in the field service, it would be good if elders and ministerial servants could serve as captains of groups from their congregation.

[16] On the afternoon program of the previous day, details of the simplified and effective campaign of action will be set forth. Various features of field service will be arranged: Territory will be available for house-to-house service. Informal witnessing can be done wherever one meets people. Street work may be appropriate as well as witnessing at other public places. Some may wish to engage in the store-to-store work and invite business people to the assembly sessions and public lecture.

[17] Each one should bring a small witnessing bag, together with his Bible. Something special will be provided that can be enthusiastically featured as the offer. Details will be given at the convention itself. Plan to share in the field activity at this year's "Living Hope" District Convention. Be sure to report your field service to your local congregation.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: What a fine example Jesus set for us in being humbly attentive to the needs of others! This same fine spirit is reflected in many ways by those who volunteer to work at conventions. To fill the needs of the convention departments brothers in charge have been inviting others to work with them. However, some larger departments such as Attendant, Food Service, Cleaning and Auditing will still need many more volunteers than these brothers know personally. Your congregation's convention coordinator will receive a form listing departments still in need of volunteers and he will make this known in the congregation. You may have your name listed on the form under the department in which you would like to work for the entire convention. He will then return this form to the assembly. Through the convention coordinators in each congregation, volunteers will be informed as to where they should report. This arrangement allows for individuals to work together with those from their own congregation or circuit and for children to work along with their parents.

[19] The convention organization will again be selecting congregations to share in one-time work assignments in several departments. Such an arrangement not only fills a vital need in departments such as cleaning, but also provides an opportunity for those who cannot work all four days to share in the organized effort to care for the needs of their brothers. The convention organization will advise your congregation of the need and your elders will select a capable captain for a group to work along with you in caring for this special one-time assignment. Such assignments involve part of one day of the convention usually before, between, or after the sessions.

[20] Of course, there will always be some need for last-minute volunteers. If you want to volunteer, please go to the Volunteer Service desk. They will let you know where help is needed. Your willing service will be very much appreciated.—Acts 20:35; Ps. 110:3.

FOOD SERVICE: Since we have assembled to benefit from the spiritual program, is it not wise to involve as few as possible in the preparation and serving of material food? Really, only a few things are necessary. (Luke 10:42) As a result of simplifying our food service operation, last year in the United States over 70,000 brothers who used to work hard during the sessions to provide us food were able to hear the program.

22 Effort is being made to further improve the simplified feeding arrangement. You will be pleased to know that the breakfast menu is being enlarged from what we had last year. Also, a fresh vegetable bag will be offered where possible and orange juice will be available at noon as well as breakfast. We may be confident that at all the conventions there will be suitable food that has been lovingly provided by our brothers for our convenience and enjoyment.—Prov. 15:17.

CONVENTION TICKETS: Once again the $1.00 convention tickets in 10c segments will be available for use at the conventions for the purchase of food only. So that less money handling will be required at the convention itself, as well as to eliminate long lines at the cashiers on the first day, we are recommending that, to the extent possible, each one who will be attending a convention should purchase ahead of time a sufficient supply of tickets for at least two or three days of the convention. These tickets will be made available to your congregation by the convention organization a number of weeks in advance and you may purchase them through the congregation at that time. Your cooperation in obtaining and using the tickets will be appreciated and will contribute much to the smooth operation of the convention feeding program.

MUSIC: Special music for the interludes and for audience singing is again being prepared by the Society. This specially prepared music will be presented by tape recording to give real uniformity to this important feature of the program at all the conventions.

25 We trust that this information will be helpful to you in making your plans to attend the "Living Hope" District Convention. Your determination and effort to make your attendance a reality will undoubtedly result in a blessing for you and your family.—Rom. 1:11, 12; Gen. 32:24-29.

District Convention Reminders

ROOMING: Any desiring rooms who have not as yet sent in a Room Request form should fill one out neatly and accurately and turn it in to the congregation convention coordinator. He will carefully check it over, sign and mail it to the rooming address noted on the back of the form for the convention city where you will attend. If you receive a rooming assignment and later have to change your plans, please immediately advise (1) the landlord and (2) the convention Rooming Department so the room may be reassigned.

There will be no trailer camps at the U.S. conventions, but the Rooming Department for each convention will gladly furnish available information on any commercial facilities.

BAPTISM: At most locations, the immersion will be on Saturday. Those who wish to symbolize their dedication by water baptism should review the 80 questions and also chapter six in the *Organization* book with the elders prior to the convention. Bathing suits and towels should be brought by each one who plans to be baptized.

PROGRAM TIMES: Plan to enjoy the entire program, which will begin each morning by 9:30 and will conclude each afternoon at approximately 5:00 p.m. Of course, at most conventions Friday morning will be set aside for field service. Thus, the convention program that day will begin at 2 p.m. We encourage you not to leave the assembly prior to the conclusion at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

PIONEER IDENTIFICATION: All *regular* pioneers should bring their Pioneer Identification and Assignment card to the convention. You may present this card to the proper cashier on the first day of the convention and receive $14.00 worth of convention tickets for obtaining food. The cashier will simply date stamp the back of your Pioneer Identification and Assignment card in the upper left-hand corner to show that you received the tickets. Literature will be available to pioneers at pioneer rates at the bookroom. Treat the card as carefully as cash. It cannot be replaced at the convention. All those in special full-time service (traveling overseers, Bethel service and special pioneers) will continue to receive from the Society the Convention Pioneer Identification card as in the past.

LAPEL CARDS: No doubt all will enjoy wearing the cards as a means of advertising the convention and to become acquainted with other brothers and sisters in attendance. By wearing the lapel card while traveling to and from the convention, you may contribute further to the convention witness. You will note that this year the lapel card is designed in such a way that it may be used again for circuit assemblies in addition to the district convention. The lapel cards are 1c each and the celluloid holders are 5c each.

A WORD OF CAUTION: Regardless of the convention you attend, you should lock your car at ALL times and NEVER leave anything showing in a parked car. Keep your belongings locked inside the trunk if possible. Also, beware of pickpockets. Do not leave anything of value unattended on seats at the conventions.

Disciple-Making? *(Cont'd)*

ies due to her limitations, would you not agree that she has an important part in disciple-making?

[5] Children likewise can share in making disciples. True, not all may be capable of conducting successful Bible studies. Yet all can have a share in aiding people to receive the life-giving waters of truth. —Compare 2 Kings 5:2-15.

[6] Demonstrating how young publishers can enlist the help of others in making disciples is the experience of a young publisher in Italy. Because of his exemplary conduct in school, he was awarded a badge that had a cross on it. The boy thanked his teacher, but explained to her that he could not accept the award because the cross is a pagan symbol. The teacher said this was impossible. So the boy offered to have his mother explain. A Bible study was started and the schoolteacher, as well as her children, responded and came into the truth. Surely that young publisher, too, had a part in making disciples, do you not agree?

[7] The fact is, one does not need to know a whole lot about the truth in order to have a part in disciple-making. The key is to have *a love for what one does know, and a desire to share this with others.* A five-year-old Canadian girl, whose mother was studying the Bible with Jehovah's Witnesses, liked so much what her mother read to her from the *Paradise* book that she insisted that her baby-sitter read the book to her as well. The more she read, the more interested the teen-age baby-sitter became. Within a year, not only did the five-year-old's mother get baptized, but so did four other persons who became interested as a result of the little girl talking to her baby-sitter!

[8] No, disciple-making is not just for a few. The whole congregation can and needs to become involved. It is a Christian commission to become disciple-makers! (Matt. 28: 19, 20) Each of us can share by warmly welcoming new ones and making them feel at home at our meetings. Time and again the friendly family spirit at the Kingdom Hall has been a major factor in convincing persons that we indeed are Christ's true followers. (John 13:34, 35) Also, our comments at the meetings can help in making disciples. Some new ones have been especially impressed by the heartfelt comments of children and teen-agers. If we all have disciple-making as our goal, we can anticipate that many more of the Lord's "sheep" will be added to our congregations.

Spreading the Good News *(Cont'd)*

reminds himself that he is battling with demon-inspired ideas and attitudes. We can gain joy in knowing that we are on God's side in this battle against the evil influence exercised by Satan and his demons.

[6] Another enemy of joy can be doubt, or a lack of faith. It is a "sin that easily entangles us," the apostle Paul said. (Heb. 12:1; Jas. 1:5-7) Do you *really* believe "the good news of the kingdom"? Are you *convinced* that God's kingdom will soon wipe out the wicked old system, along with all who cling to it, and bring in those grand conditions for which we earnestly long? Some publishers have allowed doubts to develop and have lost joy as a result. But if you really believe God's promises—and if you keep your vision bright—this will help you to spread the good news with joy.

[7] Yet, as noted before, peoples' indifference and even opposition to our evangelizing efforts dampen the joy of some publishers. What can such publishers do to keep their joy alive?

HOW MANY MAINTAIN JOY

[8] *Many maintain their joy by regularly reflecting on the wonderful Bible truths that they possess, and how vital it is that others hear them.* (Jer. 15:16) Just think: "Those who do not obey the good news about our Lord Jesus," the Bible says, "will undergo the judicial punishment of everlasting destruction." (2 Thess. 1:6-9) They must be given repeated opportunities to respond to the Kingdom message. Why? Because their pattern of response is the very basis on which God will judge them, either as worthy of life or as fit for destruction. (1 Tim. 4:16) Realizing this fact, can we not find joy as we persevere in bringing information that can preserve the lives of sheeplike ones?

[9] We can if we have genuine love and concern for the welfare of people. Do you? Jehovah, the God we worship, does. He does not want any to be destroyed, but wishes that all would respond and gain life. (Ezek. 33:11; 2 Pet. 3:9) That is one reason why he is having the good news preached. Tender affection for people moved the apostle Paul and his companions to impart to others, not only the good news, but, as he put it, "also our own souls." (1 Thess. 2:8) A similar desire to help people will also aid us to maintain joy.

[10] Additionally, as one brother put it: "Joy is often linked with success, and success with good preparation." Yes, having well-prepared Scriptural topics to discuss contributes to success in the preaching work, and, in turn, joy. When householders listen, share in the conversation and accept Bible truths, preaching is pleasurable. And when, on return visits, they respond to encouragement to read and study the Bible, our joy increases.

[11] But this is also an important point: *Our joy cannot simply be dependent on the response of people to the good news.* In some territories few if any respond, at least not for many weeks, months and sometimes years. (Jer. 7:27) Yet it is still possible to maintain joy. "I feel good after spending an afternoon in the preaching work," explains one brother, "simply knowing that I have had a share in the work God has commissioned us to do."

[12] May many, many more of us realize the joys of sharing in the disciple-making work! Maintain your joy in the assurance that the good news you bear is the most precious gift you could offer anyone, and that Jehovah is pleased with your work.—Heb. 6:10; Neh. 8:10.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Put Your Trust in Government by God

1. Unwise to rely on mortal humans for peace and security. —Ps. 146:3, 4.
2. Why put your trust in God's government?—Ps. 146:5, 6.
3. Blessings of God's government. —Ps. 146:7-10.

Meetings for Field Service *(Cont'd)*

might you use on a return visit? Why?

3. How could you lead from the verses into one of the Society's publications?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life Does Have a Purpose:*

May 6: Pages 143 to 150*
May 13: Pages 150 to 156*
May 20: Pages 156 to 167*
May 27: Pages 167 to 173

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* To subheading or chapter heading.

FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	648	125.6	44.6	4.6	82.0
Pios.	14,198	78.1	30.7	3.3	59.0
Aux. Pios.	7,426	58.5	20.8	1.8	40.9
Pubs.	482,097	7.5	3.6	.4	7.4
TOTAL	504,369				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,299

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Our Topic for Conversation

1 What are humankind's greatest needs? Would not a good and righteous government be high on the list? Yes, we need rulership by God. For several months now we have been pointing out that 'God's Kingdom Is the Solution.' We have shown people that the Kingdom for which we pray is a real government, one that can solve their problems. For the months of May through August, the suggested Topic for Conversation will be "Put Your Trust in Government by God," based on Psalm 146. So we do well to acquaint ourselves with that Psalm. This will equip us to use from it what we feel is appropriate, depending on the householder and the circumstances.

2 After introducing ourselves to the householder, we might say: "We have come to share a message of hope with you. Would you like to live in a world where there would be true peace and security? [Allow householder to comment.] That is something we also would like, and it emphasizes the need for good government that can ensure such security. But, all of us are faced with the fact that human efforts have failed to make this possible. Wisely, then, the Bible counsels us: [Read Psalm 146:3.] Some leaders may be sincere. They may do some good. But what happens to them? Notice what verse 4 says: [Read.] Did you notice why God advises us not to pin our hopes on humans? [Let householder comment, maybe directing his attention to phrases "to whom no salvation belongs," "his thoughts do perish."] We need something better, something permanent—a ruler whose beneficial government will remain."

3 If the householder shows interest and does not seem pressed for time, we might continue: "Who do you think can satisfy mankind's need?" No matter how the householder answers, we can then read verses 5 and 6, which give the Bible answer. Afterward we can emphasize: "The Creator can bring this good government, God's kingdom. He is the only one who can."

4 The next point to consider is the effect that God's kingdom will have on its subjects. "What benefits could we expect from God's rule?" we might ask. After listening to the householder's comments, we can direct his attention to verses 7 through 9. We might say: "As I read these verses note the benefits God's rule promises to bring." After reading let the householder express himself if he wishes to do so. Finally, using the last verse of this Psalm, emphasize the grand superiority of God's government—its ruler lives forever, "for generation after generation." When making the offer of three pocket-size books for $1.00, be prepared to point out something in one of the books that you feel will be of interest to the householder.

5 If the householder seems too busy to pursue the discussion suggested in paragraphs 3 and 4, we might simply say: "We are calling to brighten your day with a message of hope. We think you will agree that human governments cannot solve man's problems. That is the point made here in this Bible Psalm at verse 3. [Read.] Lasting solutions to man's problems can only come through God's kingdom government by Christ. That is the central theme of the Bible and it is beautifully explained in these three publications that we are leaving for only $1.00."

6 If we are familiar with the whole of Psalm 146, and we note on our house-to-house record just how much of this Psalm we discussed with individuals who manifested interest, then we may be able to use other verses in the same Psalm on the return visit. For example, if we did not have an opportunity to consider verses 7 to 9 on the initial visit, we may use them on the return visit. Afterward we can lead into a consideration of chapter 1 of either *Good News—to Make You Happy* or the *Truth* book.

7 Of course, in talking about government, the problems that exist today and the need for good government, we want to *exercise discretion*. We do not want to leave any wrong impressions. Being neutral, we do not get involved in political controversies. We are advocates only of God's kingdom, which is no part of this world. —John 18:36.

8 It is good for us to remember that we are interested in making disciples in harmony with Matthew 28:19, 20. So we should think of how we can effectively lead our discussions into a Bible study. The more familiar we become with Psalm 146, the easier we will find it to go from one of the many interesting points in it to a corresponding point in one of our publications.

Announcements

- Please note the literature offer for the following months. You should *now order literature for the last two months listed* so that it will be on hand when needed.

May and June: Three pocket-size books for $1.00, or one book for 35c if the three-book offer is not placed. In each set include the book *God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good.*

July: *Watchtower* subscription for one year, with a copy of *Holy Spirit, World Government* or *"Eternal Purpose"* book given free to new subscribers.

August: *My Book of Bible Stories* or three pocket-size books.

- New Publications Available:

Is the Bible Really the Word of God?
—Polish
The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life
—Lithuanian
The Good News According to John
(Cassette recordings)
—Finnish, Japanese

- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

1978 *Watchtower* and *Awake!* bound volumes —English, Spanish

- The July 1, 1979, issue of *The Watchtower* will be a special issue that should receive a wide distribution. Congregations should immediately order the additional distributor's copies they feel they can use.

- During the month of September, the revised brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* will be part of the literature offer to be used in our preaching activity. It is suggested that congregations order now so that they will have the brochure on hand in time to be used by the brothers. The ratio for ordering for your congregation should be based on 20 copies for each pioneer and 7 copies for each congregation publisher.

Meetings . . . Make Disciples *(Cont'd)*

field service and also convention tickets were instituted and should have our hearty cooperation.

8 min: "District Convention Reminders." Consider remaining insert material under this heading. Can be presented in the form of a talk and can read certain pertinent sentences. Invite audience to follow closely in their copies. These are "reminders" of things many publishers will recall from previous assemblies, so can move quickly from one point to another. Conclude by reading John 13:35 and comment on the spirit that will undoubtedly move all of us to assist and encourage one another to attend and benefit fully from this "Living Hope" District Convention.

15 min: What Are We Doing with What We Are Learning?

This is the fifth month for this special audience-participation meeting part. Work needs to be done on it WELL IN ADVANCE. During May, regular meeting attenders will spend up to 24 hours at congregation meetings. Have we been using what we have learned there? Remind the brothers early in the month that they will be asked about it during this meeting part. Continue to emphasize that what is wanted is not simply a recitation of what they have learned from the meetings, but how they have actually used or benefited from what was presented at these meetings.

7 min: Service announcements, including subject to be discussed during week's meetings for field service. Song 36 and prayer.

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MAY 28–JUNE 3

Emphasizing Government by God

1. What verses of Psalm 146 can we use to stress government by God?
2. What points from our literature offer deal with government by God?
3. Since we are neutral as to worldly political conflicts, what should we avoid in our conversation?

JUNE 4-10

Being Equipped

1. What do you have in your witnessing bag?
2. What kind of persons might especially be interested in the books you have? Why should the literature be neat and clean?
3. Do you have a record of interested persons? Are you going to call on some of these interested persons today?

JUNE 11-17

Dealing with Different Viewpoints

1. What can we learn from the viewpoints expressed by the householder?
2. Should we take issue with opposing viewpoints?
3. How can we use this information in our conversation?

JUNE 18-24

Witnessing Wherever We Are

1. What experiences have you had while witnessing informally?
2. What opportunities for informal witnessing might we have in our territory today?

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How Do You Support the Kingdom?

[1] How do subjects of God's kingdom show that they truly support it? Aren't they willing to do all that they can in behalf of that government?

[2] The Bible is replete with accounts telling how early Christians demonstrated their full support for the Kingdom. If it is the big thing in our lives, how do we show it?

[3] The Kingdom was so real to early Christians that some gave their lives in support of it. Many were flogged, others imprisoned, still others suffered near-deaths often. (Acts 5:40; 7:60; 8:1-4; 2 Cor. 11:22-27) Some sold their possessions and properties and donated the proceeds to advance the Kingdom interests. (Acts 2:45, 46) However, the "kingdom" at that time was ruling over only the anointed ones. (Col. 1:13) Since 1914 we have been living under "the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ," which will shortly destroy the entire worldly system of things. Should we not be willing to do as much, if not more than those early Christians to support God's kingdom? (Rev. 11:15; Ps. 110:3) How do *YOU* support the Kingdom?

DAILY CONDUCT

[4] You may not be called upon to die for it, or suffer physical abuse. But all Kingdom subjects are required to demonstrate their support by the way they live. As a Kingdom supporter, each day should find you conforming your life more fully to the righteous laws and principles found in the Kingdom's Lawbook, the Bible. Are you doing so? Are you hating what is bad and resisting pressures to act selfishly or to indulge in immorality?

[5] Supporting God's kingdom also includes being motivated by love, since our King emphasized that his followers would live by this new commandment of his. (John 13:34) Are you living by it? Are you doing positive things for your brothers—yes, for all persons as you are able?—1 Thess. 3:12; Gal. 6:10.

THE MEETINGS

[6] Another way we give our support to the Kingdom is by regularly attending and participating in the meetings provided for its subjects. We thus demonstrate our desire to take advantage of the educational provisions made by our Grand Instructor and the Master Teacher. (Isa. 30:20b; 54:13; Matt. 7:28, 29) Of course, full participation in this educational program of the Kingdom involves more than making a comment at meetings now and then. It also includes regularly doing our "homework" in preparation for meetings and field service. Has appreciation for the Kingdom

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Do Not Give Up in Doing What Is Fine

[1] Where God's people were endeavoring to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's day, a coalition of enemy forces conspired to cause a disturbance. They said: "We shall certainly kill them and put a stop to the work." (Neh. 4:7-11) Surely the pressure was on! Did the Israelites stop the building work Jehovah wanted done?

[2] Not at all! God's servants kept working with one hand, while warding off attack from the enemy with a sword in the other. (Neh. 4:17, 18) What courage they showed in not giving up the fine work Jehovah had assigned them to do.

THE PRESSURE IS ON!

[3] As in Nehemiah's day, Satan is trying to "put a stop to the work" Jehovah is having done. He is bringing pressures on the entire world of mankind, but the particular target of his attack is God's people. Surely the pressure is on!

[4] Are not some of our brothers struggling under heavy financial burdens as the cost of living continually rises? Others are physically ill or have family members who are seriously ill. Dealing with children who may not respond readily to Biblical counsel can create very real pressures; even our own weaknesses sometimes plague us. And the pressures on some of our elders, who are caring for many responsibilities and problems in congregations, remind us of what confronted stalwart men back in Nehemiah's day who were 'guards by night and workers by day.' (Neh. 4:22) So the question is: Will we give up in doing what is fine?

[5] As an organization we can answer with a resounding NO! Our spiritual paradise has been fortified as with a wall built around it and the enemy will never be able to destroy it. But what about us *individually?* The records indicate that apparently some have need for greater balance, even as those Israelites of Nehemiah's day worked with one hand and held a sword in the other. During the 1978 service year there were 37,487 who laid down the implements, so to speak, in the United States. They

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JUNE 3

10 min: Song 2 and general announcements. Have children bring their copies of *My Book of Bible Stories* to meeting next week.

20 min: Discussion on "Young Men, Can You Accept This Special Privilege of Service?" to subtitle "What Can You Do to Qualify?" Elder reviews this material with 3 or 4 young brothers on the platform. Read the scriptures quoted and contrast principle in Malachi 3:10 with privilege of Bethel service.

25 min: "How Do You Support the Kingdom?" Base introductory comments on paragraphs 1-3, emphasizing the need for real commitment to Kingdom, even willingness to die for it. Highlight faithful example of apostles and other early Christians, raising the question as to whether our commitment is comparable. Cover remaining paragraphs thoroughly, having publishers explain how daily conduct, meetings and field service relate to support of Kingdom. Finally, stress how, in connection with "Living Hope" District Conventions, we can show whose kingdom we support.

5 min: Service announcements. Song 90 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 10

7 min: Song 73 and general announcements.

28 min: Make Disciples out of Your Children. Interviews and demonstration with comments from audience on demonstration.

(1 min.) Introductory talk. Ask question: "How many children have a personal copy of this book—*My Book of Bible Stories?*" Have them raise their hands and show the book if they remembered to bring it. It is a wonderful provision to help young ones learn about Jehovah and his Word. Jesus said in Matthew 28:19, 20 to make disciples of people and to teach them. We do not want to overlook those of our own household, our children. They likewise should become disciples and speak openly of their faith.

(16 min.) Invite couple to the platform who regularly study this publication with their children. If you would like to use two or three couples in this interview, you may do so. Ask them about the good results achieved, and how the book aids them in really teaching their children and not merely entertaining them. (Examples: Story 2 develops heartfelt love and appreciation for God and his provisions. Story 4 teaches the wrongness of stealing. Story 6 shows the terrible results of hate and anger, and how we should not be jealous of others.) How do they use the pictures in the book? What method is used to study it with children? Couple demonstrates study with their children.

Get comments from audience about study, how it was conducted and what they liked about it. Have them comment about benefits of studying this publication with their children.

(10 min.) Invite all young children to the platform and interview some of them. Have them bring their books. Ask them to show what they like about the book and what they have learned. Do they ever take the book to school? Do they talk to others about what they are learning? Do they speak to unbelieving family members? Has anyone started a study with someone else in this book? How do you conduct it since there are no questions at the bottom of the page?

(1 min.) Help all to appreciate how this book is not only delightful to look at, having appealing pictures that make it easy to place, but also how it is a fine aid in teaching and making disciples. The praising of Jehovah by "every breathing thing" includes our children. —Ps. 150:6.

20 min: Talk on "Young Men, Can You Accept This Special Privilege of Service?" from "What Can You Do to Qualify?" to end of insert. Please read section "What Can You Do to Qualify?"

5 min: Service announcements. Song 110 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 17

10 min: Song 29, general announcements and Announcements.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—Wherever We Are."

Cover paragraphs 1, 2 in brief introductory comments (3 min.). Arrange in advance for publishers to relate experiences in the article. Also, have audience tell their own experiences in informal witnessing. (Be sure to include young publishers.) Plan for certain publishers to bring up problems, stating why or under what circumstances they find informal witnessing difficult. Invite audience to offer suggestions.

Emphasize this: Be observant, alert to appropriate opportunities to share the good news with others. Do not expect to give a full witness to everyone, but share Scriptural thoughts in a conversational way, and follow through with more information if interest is shown. Make it a practice to do this every day, wherever you are.

20 min: Rejoicing in Your Service to Jehovah.

(2 min.) We should be committed to Jehovah's service. We cannot be in the world and try to be in the truth also and expect Jehovah's approval. We must have the attitude of David when he prayed for Jehovah to unify his heart. (Ps. 86:11) Joy is sure to follow.

(18 min.) Have congregation relate experiences about things that have made them joyful since they have begun serving Jehovah. Include as many as time allows, but have specifically prepared comments from an elder, ministerial servant, parent and a youth. Comments may be gotten on the joys of overseeing the "sheep," observing the growth of the congregation, assisting with congregational duties, seeing children grow in knowledge of Jehovah and being given service privileges, giving presentations at the doors for the first time, seeing a new one progress to the point of baptism, seeing relatives take up the truth or similar causes for rejoicing in their life of service to Jehovah. Everyone should speak from the heart.

10 min: Discuss plans for field service. Encourage everyone to participate in some way this week. One congregation had 117 publishers engage in field service on a Saturday morning. Song 101 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 24

8 min: Song 9, accounts report.

20 min: Keep on Obeying the Truth.

(3 min.) Talk explaining just what obeying the truth means: To live in harmony with the teachings of Jesus; dedicating one's life to God; being baptized; sharing the message of truth with others; showing love for one another. (John 14:6, 15) Paul encouraged Galatians to keep on obeying truth. (Gal. 5:7) Need for perseverance, constant effort. He tells us to "keep on exhorting one another." (Heb. 3:13) Today as in first century some do not continue sharing in Christian works. They become irregular in service and meeting attendance, or even inactive. Some elders and their families affected. No one is immune. With genuine concern, cite statistics of irregularity and inactivity of local congregation. Reporting may be a problem with some. However, others need loving assistance to actively obey truth.

(12 min.) Have brothers in audience read scriptures. Then ask questions and help them reason on these points, making practical and specific application to local needs.

Have Philippians 2:1-4 read. What are some of the things that Paul said would make his joy full? In what ways can we show concern for our fellow believers?

Have Philippians 2:12 read. How do we show that we obey and with what result in view?

What do Acts 15:36, Romans 1:11, 12 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11 show that we can do to help brothers? Have Psalm 71:17 read. What can parents do to help the youth? What can all of us do to be of more help to our younger brothers and sisters?

Have Romans 10:10 read. In our own family Bible discussion, why is reaching the heart so important? Emphasize how regular family consideration of daily text helps.

(4 min.) Family demonstrates consideration of daily text at evening meal. All briefly participate in commenting, with father asking questions. Let wife and children highlight main thoughts.

(1 min.) Conclude showing need to make diligent efforts to help one another; to care for one's family; to reach hearts and to motivate others to keep on obeying the truth.—Rom. 6: 16, 17.

25 min: "Do Not Give Up in Doing What Is Fine."

(10 min.) Introductory talk based on article, followed by 12 minutes of interviews. Please select brothers and sisters beforehand according to the three groupings that follow. They should speak from the heart in a natural and upbuilding manner, having in mind something specific that has helped them not to give up in serving Jehovah. (1) Interview two or three who have served faithfully for many years. What pressures have they experienced and overcome? What helped them? Did prayer, meetings, personal study, field service, encouragement from others play a part? (2) Interview some who had become inactive in past, but were helped to be reactivated. Briefly, what contributed to their becoming inactive? What helped them to regain their balance and begin service again? Was shepherding by the elders a contributing factor? Did others encourage them? (3) Interview some who were irregular in past but who were helped to be regular in the field service. Also interview some children who are regular publishers. What has helped them to be regular in the field? Did encouragement by parents contribute? By others? What kind of encouragement do they feel young people need in order to be regular in field service? (Could touch on a mistake some parents make in trying to badger or drive their children to serve Jehovah instead of building love for God and desire to be pleasing to Jehovah.) Conclude with a 3-minute review of some of the points stated by those interviewed that aided them to endure.—Luke 21:19.

7 min: Local service announcements. Song 44 and prayer.

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Young Men, Can You Accept This Special Privilege of Service?

"YOU have your company of young men just like dewdrops." (Ps. 110:3) These prophetic words show that Jehovah would have an army of willing young men to do a specific work at a particular period of time. The first part of the verse identifies that time as NOW, the time when Jehovah would display his "military force." And what is the work of a "dewdrop"? Just as Jehovah provided literal dewdrops for the refreshment and life of vegetation, so he has provided symbolic dewdrops to serve for the refreshment and life of those who are hungering and thirsting for righteousness.

And as dewdrops are many, so today are the number of people who are offering themselves willingly. Yes, in just the last 10 years the number of those preaching the good news of God's kingdom has almost doubled to over 2,000,000. And thousands more each month are dedicating their lives to Jehovah. This makes us very happy. But who will work to provide the Bible literature that is so important to sustaining us all spiritually, and to furnish us the millions of Bibles, books, magazines and tracts that are so valuable in carrying on our Kingdom preaching? There is now a need for such workers. Can you offer yourself for this special privilege of service?

THE NEED IS GREAT!

Brooklyn Bethel is the world headquarters of Jehovah's people. Here a large contingent of young men print and ship the publications so needed by sheeplike persons around the world. While a few sisters work in the Bethel home and offices, most of the jobs require strong, young men. So we are not encouraging sisters to apply at this time. But the need for young, single men continues to increase. We encourage such ones to ask themselves, 'How do I feel about serving in such a unique manner, providing literature in many languages for use around the world in the Kingdom-preaching and disciple-making work? Do I want to have the fullest possible share in this life-saving ministry by providing the needed Bibles, books and magazines? Am I, as a young dedicated brother, included among those described by the psalmist when he said: "Your people will offer themselves *willingly* on the day of your military force"?' —Ps. 110:3.

Presently at Watchtower Farms and Brooklyn Bethel there are 2,400 serving as a result of willingly volunteering themselves for this facet of Kingdom service. Like Isaiah they have said: "Here I am! Send me." (Isa. 6:8) Isaiah, already one of Jehovah's witnesses, was not asking to be assigned to be a servant of God, but was volunteering for an *additional* privilege of service. This was not to his advantage from a physical standpoint, nor would it be a comfortable assignment. No, it would mean sacrificing some personal advantages and comforts. Today many at Bethel serve under similar circumstances. They leave mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, and friends. They say "Goodbye" to homes and comfortable surroundings. These sacrifices are willingly made for the "sake of the good news." (Mark 10:29, 30) But in turn, what spiritual blessings and advantages they enjoy at the 'house of God'! When one's sacrifices are pleasing to God he promises to 'open the floodgates of the heavens and empty out a blessing until there is no more want.' (Mal. 3:10) Those serving at Bethel can verify the truthfulness of that promise.

BETHEL LIFE

What is life like at Bethel? It is a wholesome and satisfying life. Some describe it as exciting. "When you are here at the hub of the worldwide activity there is never a dull moment," is the way one brother put it. We continue to have representatives from the Society's branches around the world coming to Bethel to attend the five-week Gilead Branch School course, and what a pleasure it is to hear their reports on the Kingdom activities in their countries. There is indeed an atmosphere for spiritual growth at Bethel.

For example, Monday through Saturday mornings the day begins with a discussion of the Bible presided over by one of the governing body. Have not many brothers traveled miles to hear these brothers speak on various occasions? At Bethel each morning such ones encourage us with their remarks on a Scriptural text. During weeks that the Gilead Branch School is in session, the branch representatives give their reports at the breakfast table for all to hear.

As an introduction to Bethel, some members of the governing body, and other mature brothers of the headquarters staff, give lectures dealing with various facets of Bethel life. Sometime during the first year you will likely attend a fine weekly Bible school designed to broaden your understanding of the Scriptures. New entrants also enjoy a special program of Bible reading, completing the entire Bible during the first year at Bethel. Those who have been through this course enjoy another arrangement for their spiritual edification, the Bethel family *Watchtower* study. For this Monday night study, the Bethel family is divided up into various groups and elders at Bethel share in conducting it.

In addition to the activities at Bethel, everyone is assigned to a congregation. Here we experience firsthand the benefits of our work at Bethel. It helps to keep us spiritually alert. By sharing with a congregation in the preaching work and attending meetings, members of the Bethel family have developed strong ties with these brothers and sisters in the local congregations. There are over 25,000 Witnesses in the New York City congregations with which Bethel family members serve.—Mark 10:29, 30.

Most of the time and effort of the members of the Bethel family are spent doing that for which they volunteered. And this is to use their physical and mental resources in whatever assignment they are given here at Bethel. There is a great variety of things that need to be done. Some members operate printing presses or work in the bindery making books, while others cook, do laundry work, cleaning, farming, construction work, and so forth. Some have the responsibility of caring for the equipment in these departments. All of these work assignments involve enjoyable challenges.

But life at Bethel is not all work, meetings, service and study. The family enjoys periods of relaxation at times as well. There is a variety of talent among those serving at Bethel, and so an occasional "Family Night" program of entertainment is appreciated by the entire family. There are opportunities for wholesome and upbuilding social visits with others. Some limited recreational facilities are provided. There are a number of libraries in the home where reading and research are done by brothers and sisters. And not to be forgotten are the pleasant conversations around the dining tables at mealtimes.

How do the brothers serving at Bethel feel about their privilege? One who has served here for several years says: "The work at Bethel is hard, but it is satisfying because it is accomplishing something worthwhile. Many people in the world have jobs but they seem to just work from day to day not knowing what is ahead, or what they want out of life. Before I came to Bethel, these few years would have seemed like such a long time, but now the time has gone by very rapidly as a result of seeing the good that my work results in to others." He was 20 years old when he came to Bethel. Now, in addition to his Bethel privileges, he has been appointed as an elder in a congregation and is helping other young people to have this same spirit of willingness.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO QUALIFY?

Bethel is a place where mature Christian men work to perform a service for fellow Christians throughout the world. It is not a place for boys or those with serious spiritual deficiencies. It is not a "finishing school" for adolescents. Much like the young man Timothy who served with "an apostle of Christ Jesus," so with any who are to serve at Bethel. (1 Tim. 1:1) They should have *a good standing* with the congregation.

Acts 16:2 says of Timothy: "He was well reported on by the brothers in Lystra and Iconium." Even though he was young he also had an *interest in the Scriptures* and was *well rooted in the truth.* (2 Tim. 3:14, 15) So evident was his spirit of self-sacrifice and willingness to put the interests of the Kingdom ahead of his own that Paul could say of him in Philippians 2:20-22: "I have no one else of a disposition like his who will genuinely care for the things pertaining to you. For all the others are seeking their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. But you know the proof he gave of himself, that like a child with a father he slaved with me in furtherance of the good news."

A number of brothers have written or telephoned asking if they should prepare themselves for Bethel service by taking up special courses in study after high school such as in the data processing field or in other trades. Of course, one's education is a personal matter on which he would have to decide. But to prepare oneself for Bethel service, a brother would want to gain experience in spiritual activities such as the auxiliary pioneer service or regular pioneer service. Thus for any young man to qualify for Bethel service and to truly have the spirit of Timothy would mean that there would be a need for him to *center his life around the Kingdom* before he comes to Bethel.

One who is at Bethel is not automatically protected from the spirit of the world. Through study of the Bible, regularity in the field service and association with mature ones in the congregation, one can grow spiritually and prepare for more responsibility. So there is the need for all to follow the counsel that the apostle Paul gave to the Colossian congregation: "Therefore, as you have accepted Christ Jesus the Lord, go on walking in union with him, rooted and being built up in him and being stabilized in the faith, just as you were taught, overflowing with faith in thanksgiving." (Col. 2:6, 7) These are the kind of spiritual men needed at Bethel.

Due to the nature of the work, one who is to serve at Bethel must also be in good health and physically strong. Also applicants for Bethel service in the United States should be either citizens of the United States or should have legal permanent residency in this country.

Are you in a position to say, "Here I am! Send me"? If you are, and if you are a single brother 19 years of age or older, in good health and strong, willing and able to work hard, and are baptized for at least one year, then we encourage you to apply for Bethel. Write to the Watchtower Society, Attention: Personnel Committee, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York 11201, asking for a Bethel application, or obtain an application form from your circuit overseer.

WHAT CAN ELDERS AND PARENTS DO?

In addition to being wholesome examples and associates for all in the congregation, it would be the proper course for elders to especially encourage young men in their effort to expand their service to Jehovah. While Timothy no doubt exerted a very wholesome influence on the other young ones in the congregations of Lystra and Iconium, the elders did not hold him back from serving alongside the apostle Paul, feeling that he would be too great a loss to their congregation.—1 Tim. 4:14.

On the other hand, it would be a serious mistake for the elders to recommend for Bethel service a young man who does not truly qualify. Presently there are applications on hand of those who desire to serve at Bethel. However, not all are qualified and so not all can be accepted. At times it is quite apparent that the elders should not have recommended certain ones for Bethel at the time they did. This results in a difficult experience for the individual involved. In the past some have even had to be sent home.

The better course is for the elders to help one to make the needed adjustments to qualify for Bethel. Perhaps giving him some assignment such as cleaning the Kingdom Hall or taking care of other tasks will help in this regard. Then if there are evident shortcomings either in the spirit displayed, or in his work habits, proper counsel and assistance may be given to help him to develop into a responsible, dependable brother. Of course, if the counsel is not received in a positive way, there would be no reason to believe that sending him to Bethel would help. Thus, while elders should encourage young brothers to serve at Bethel, it is important for them to stress the qualifications required for such service.

Parents especially should have a positive influence for good on their children. One young brother who has been serving at Bethel for a few years states that he can remember his parents encouraging him toward full-time service from infancy. So when he turned 19 it was just his natural desire to reach out for Bethel service.

There are many other examples showing the wholesome impact that the parents have on their children. The parents of Moses, Jochebed and Amram, give us a sterling example of this. Pharaoh's daughter found the baby and claimed him for herself, but Moses' own mother was asked to nurse him. Thus the child was taught the principles of true worship by his Hebrew parents. (Ex. 2:9, 10) Did not this early training help to qualify Moses for his very heavy responsibilities later? Hannah, Samuel's mother, was also one who, by her course of conduct, ingrained the spirit of willing service in her son. Not only did she give him up to serve at the tabernacle as a boy, but as the years passed, she supported his efforts at full-time service. (1 Sam. 2:18, 19) The result was that Samuel became "more likable both from Jehovah's standpoint and from that of men." (1 Sam. 2:26) How rewarding it must have been for these parents to see their sons receive special privileges of service from Jehovah! Many parents are enjoying that same feeling today.

EACH ONE CAN HAVE A SHARE

What can each of us do, regardless of where we are serving Jehovah? We all need to be whole-souled in our service, putting Kingdom interests first in our lives. (Col. 3:23; Matt. 6:33) And we can also encourage those who are serving at Bethel to continue to render sacred service there. In addition, encourage young brothers who do qualify to reach out for this special privilege of service.

At times there is a tendency to think of others when matters of this nature are discussed, or to think that this does not involve me. But when we think of what our Father has done for us by means of his Son we should be moved to do whatever we can individually to accomplish God's will. As the apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15: "The love the Christ has compels us, because this is what we have judged, that one man died for all; so, then, all had died; and he died for all that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised up."

When we think of that, it behooves each one to ask himself: "Am I living no longer for myself but to do Jehovah's will?" You will be eager to do whatever appears to be God's will for you at the present time. You may send now for an application for Bethel service if you feel you can qualify for this unique privilege of service. Also, when you are at one of the district conventions this summer we encourage you to attend the Saturday afternoon meeting for those who are interested in Bethel service. At that time you can obtain a Bethel application.—Eph. 5:17.

Doing What Is Fine (*Cont'd*)

became inactive so far as the spiritual building work is concerned and stopped going in field service. Additionally, 27.3 percent or 164,240 of the total publishers were irregular in service.

A SOURCE OF HELP

6 It would seem that some of the builders in Nehemiah's time were like that, too. They became fearful as a result of the pressures brought to bear on them. How were they helped to "have a heart for working" as they had displayed initially? (Neh. 4:6) Nehemiah tells us: "When I saw their fear I immediately rose and said to the nobles and the deputy rulers and the rest of the people: 'Do not be afraid on their account. Jehovah the great and the fear-inspiring One keep in your mind.' "—Neh. 4:14.

7 Can we help our inactive and irregular brothers and sisters today to "have a heart for working" in a similar way? Certainly! Elders, ministerial servants and, yes, "the rest of the people," all of us, can help them to keep in mind this same great and fear-inspiring One. Sometimes all it takes is a word of encouragement, letting them know we love them and miss them. Giving encouragement is everyone's job. The account says Nehemiah "immediately rose" and did this. Will you do the same? It may save the life of your brother or sister by helping that individual not to give up in doing what is fine.

HELP YOURSELF

8 If you are one who has slowed down or stopped in your service of God, others can help, but primarily the responsibility rests on you. Our brothers in Nehemiah's time needed both to do Jehovah's work of wall building, as well as cope with enemy attacks. We similarly need both to carry on Jehovah's work of preaching today, and avoid being sidetracked by the many pressures Satan brings to bear on us. Whatever the pressure may be, let us keep the same determination Paul had when he wrote: "So let us not give up in doing what is fine, for in due season we shall reap *if we do not tire out*."—Gal. 6:9.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Life Does Have a Purpose:*

June 3: Pages 174 to 181*
June 10: Pages 181 to 185*
June 17: Pages 185 to 191
June 24: Review on entire book.

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* To subheading or chapter heading.

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moved you to make room for this in your schedule?

FIELD SERVICE

7 One of the primary ways we demonstrate our personal support of God's kingdom is by putting forth an effort to aid others to come under its rule. Jesus said, "This good news of the kingdom will be preached," but what is our attitude toward that work? (Matt. 24:14) How much do you expend yourself to preach the Kingdom good news to others?

8 The amount of time you devote to Kingdom preaching and the example you set should show Jehovah and others that you are giving your full, wholehearted support to the Kingdom. With better planning and improved family organization could you do more in field service? Would it be possible to auxiliary pioneer from time to time? Whole-souled service is not following the course of least resistance, coasting along with minimal activity!

9 In Jesus' parable of the sower, it is acknowledged that some are able to do more than others in making expressions regarding the Kingdom. (Matt. 13:8) Some spend many hours in the preaching work each month. Other loyal Kingdom subjects are unable to do as much. Yet even though limited in amount, it is not a "token" service but represents all they can do. They find joy in knowing that our Lord views their hearts too as being "fine soil," producing fruit that honors Jehovah.—Matt. 13:23.

10 Our attitude toward the preaching work and the time and thought we give to it are positive indications to Jehovah of our love and appreciation for his government. When a person is deeply interested in something—if it involves something close to his heart—he cannot help but speak about it. Similarly, if we consider our future blessings under the Kingdom's rule as something to be treasured, we will gladly and eagerly join in openly acknowledging our loyal support of the Kingdom on a regular basis.—Luke 6:45.

IN ALL WE DO

11 Really, in all we do—at all times—our lives should reflect the fact that we are subjects of Jehovah's kingdom. So whether we are eating, drinking, enjoying entertainment or a vacation period, our concern will be to conduct ourselves in a way that honors God.—1 Cor. 10:31.

12 One thing that all of us will want to do this summer is to attend the "Living Hope" District Convention. As loyal subjects of God's kingdom we will not want to miss even one session! Even though it may possibly mean losing a couple of days' pay, our being present each day will give yet added evidence that we do indeed fully support God's kingdom.

13 Surely Jehovah observes our efforts to serve his Kingdom interests, and we can be confident that in his new system of righteousness he will reward us in a measure beyond what we can now imagine.—Heb. 6:10; Mal. 3:10.

Announcements

- Literature offer for June: Three pocket-size books for $1.00, or one book for 35c if the three-book offer is not placed. In each set include the book *God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good.* For July: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.00 with a pocket-size book given free to new subscribers. For August: *My Book of Bible Stories* for $2.00. Publishers may use an alternative offer of three pocket-size books for $1.00 when speaking to adults who may not prefer the book for children. For September: A tract with a literature offer of two magazines and a revised brochure on Jehovah's Witnesses for 25c. You should *now order literature for September* so that it will be on hand when needed. Check May issue of *Our Kingdom Service* under Announcements for details.
- Congregations will schedule a 30-minute review of things learned at the district convention. This meeting will be held the week following the convention your congregation is scheduled to attend as outlined in the 2/79 *Our Kingdom Service* insert. Each congregation book study should be assigned a specific day (or days) of the convention, being ready to highlight beneficial things learned.
- New Publications Available:
  God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good —Czech
  "Singing and Accompanying Yourselves with Music in Your Hearts" (Deluxe edition) —Norwegian, Portuguese
- Available Again in U.S.A.:
  "Then Is Finished the Mystery of God" —English
- In preparation for the dramas to be presented at the "Living Hope" District Conventions, it is suggested that all read the following Bible accounts: Exodus chapters 1-3; Numbers 22:22-24 and chapter 25; Deuteronomy 24:17-21.
- After June 15, 1979, congregations may begin ordering the *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1978. The indexes are 10 cents each.
- Regular and special pioneers on the list for six months at the time of the district convention are entitled to receive convention food tickets upon presentation of their Pioneer Identification and Assignment card.

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	655	129.9	47.0	4.5	95.6
Pios.	14,458	86.3	34.7	3.4	75.0
Aux. Pios.	15,368	60.4	20.6	1.6	49.3
Pubs.	498,827	8.5	3.9	.4	9.6
TOTAL	529,308				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,266

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Put Your Trust in Government by God.
Psalm 146.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Wherever We Are

1 How often do you find that you are able to offer sacrifices of praise to Jehovah? Are you able to share in the field service one or two days a week? When writing to Christians in Jerusalem, Paul urged them to "always offer to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which make public declaration to his name." (Heb. 13:15) Those early Christians were acquainted with the fact that, under God's law to Israel, sacrifices had been offered at the temple every day, morning and evening. Not a day went by when no sacrifice was offered up.—Ex. 29:38-42.

2 But how can we imitate that pattern? Not all of us can get out into the field service every day, to say nothing of twice a day. Yet there are occasions nearly every day when we can offer such sacrifices of praise to God.

OPPORTUNITIES

3 What if you have a full-time secular job? Well, a brother in New York took a copy of *My Book of Bible Stories* to his place of work and put it on his desk, knowing that it would arouse the curiosity of his fellow employees. It did, and they inquired about it. His conversation was brief, since it was during work hours, but he told them three things: 'The book is accurate; it covers Bible events in chronological order; and it costs only $2.00.' The rest he let them see for themselves. He got orders for 63 books.

4 Some brothers are in business for themselves, and they may witness more extensively while at work. A barber in New York, while not forcing the truth on his customers, does try to share something with each one; and when interest is shown, haircuts sometimes take a little longer. A taxi driver in Japan finds that if he personally shuts the car door and welcomes his customer, he can establish a friendly relationship. His discussions of God's Word often last five minutes—sometimes an hour.

5 Are there opportunities to witness when you go shopping? A sister in Canada was in a large store and she stopped to look at some paintings of beautiful mountains, blue skies, trees and flowers. She commented to another woman: "All these beauties Jehovah God created, and now men have ruined so much." The woman replied: "It's true, but what can we do about it?" They had an enjoyable conversation. The woman wanted to know where our sister had learned so much about the Bible. Arrangements were made for a home Bible study. And it all happened while she was shopping.

6 Young publishers, too, have excellent opportunities. Following an incident of violence in the school that she attends, a young sister in Tennessee realized that it was a good opportunity to share the *Youth* book with others. After discussing with her parents how to proceed, she took one book to the principal and another to her homeroom teacher. With their approval, she offered the book to classmates; they obtained 35 in just one day!

HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

7 Those who have many good experiences in informal witnessing usually give some thought to it in advance. They are looking for opportunities to "offer to God a sacrifice of praise." They also pray to Jehovah to open a "door of utterance" to them. (Col. 4:2-4) Have you prayerfully reviewed your daily routine to determine when and where it might be possible for you to do some informal witnessing?

8 While in house-to-house work, many have had excellent results by following the suggestions appearing in *Our Kingdom Service* to approach persons who may be on the street, coming in and out of buildings or in elevators of large apartment buildings. We do not have to wait until we contact individuals at their doors to speak to them about God's Word.

9 Realizing that salespersons often come to the house, a sister in California put a small table just inside the door. On it she has a Bible and an attractive display of other publications. That display "makes it happen." Visitors comment on what they see, and this leads to a witness.

10 A brother in Missouri resolved that, during his 15-minute break at work, he would witness to the first person who sat down next to him. The man to whom he spoke knew about the truth but said that he did not want to pursue the matter. Nevertheless, our brother left literature where the man could easily pick it up. In six months that man and his family were all baptized.

11 Another brother simply made it a practice to do his Bible reading at lunch time. That "made it happen." Soon one of the men started to ask questions about religious matters. He was impressed. As a result, when publishers called at his home, a study was started.

12 Many publishers open the way for informal witnessing by wearing lapel badges while traveling to and from conventions. Will you be wearing your convention badge this summer, and will you have some literature with you as you travel, in the event that you can use it?

13 So we should not limit our sacrifices of praise to a set day and time of the week. When gratitude to Jehovah fills our hearts, it is only natural to let it overflow in upbuilding conversation about him on every appropriate occasion, wherever we are.

Question Box

● **Why should you know which brothers are overseers and ministerial servants in your congregation?**

Jehovah God has provided qualified men to take the lead among his people. Scripturally, these brothers are designated "overseers and ministerial servants." (Phil. 1:1) As their designations suggest, overseers and ministerial servants *serve* the members of the congregation. (Matt. 20:26) They are both *qualified* and *available* to serve you.

Overseers are elders who are qualified teachers and shepherds. To help care for necessary work properly, there are "ministerial servants." Together these servants aid us to be "zealous for fine works." (Titus 2:14) Overseers and ministerial servants should 'know the flock' to be of greatest assistance. (Prov. 27:23) In turn, the flock needs to know the men who are qualified and appointed to serve them. (Jas. 5:14-16) Therefore, appointments and deletions of elders and ministerial servants are announced to the congregation.—Compare Acts 15:25-30; 1 Corinthians 4:17.

There are various reasons why a brother in the congregation may not be able to serve as an appointed servant. Likewise if appointed, for various reasons a brother may not be able to continue serving the congregation as an elder or as a ministerial servant. No one should conclude automatically that announcements of deletions indicate some wrongdoing. Sometimes health, family matters or other circumstances may preclude a brother's continued service in an appointed capacity. By knowing which brothers are overseers and which brothers are ministerial servants in your congregation, you are able to benefit yourself in a direct way from their qualifications and availability to teach, shepherd and aid you to be "zealous for fine works."

Meetings for Field Service *(Cont'd)*

3. How do you get such a conversation started?

JUNE 25–JULY 1
Calling to Make Disciples

1. How do you introduce yourself on a return visit?
2. Why is it often good to try to get an invitation into the home? How do you do it?
3. How long should we stay on the first few calls? Why?

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JULY 2-8

Using the Special Issue

1. Have you had an encouraging experience already in placing the special issue of **The Watchtower?**
2. What have you found in the special issue that particularly appeals to those in your territory?
3. Discuss briefly paragraphs 4 and 5 under Presenting the Good News.

JULY 9-15

Having Definite Points in Mind to Talk About

1. Why is it more effective to have definite points to talk about at the doors? (In topic for conversation; in literature)
2. Why does this not prevent being adaptable when the householder introduces other ideas?
3. What points do you have in mind to talk about today?

JULY 16-22

House-to-House Witnessing

1. Why do Jehovah's Witnesses go from house to house?
2. Does calling at the homes of people without a prior invitation have Scriptural precedent? (Matt. 10:11-13; Acts 5:42)

JULY 23-29

Literature Placements a Means to an End: Disciple-making

1. Why do we place literature?
2. How do you have in mind using the literature offered today in starting a Bible study?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Put Your Trust in Government by God.—Psalm 146.

We Need to Help One Another!

More Definite Arrangements to Be Made

[1] True Christians are noted for the love they show to one another. (John 13:34, 35) They help one another. We know this is essential if we are going to endure successfully the trials and temptations we face in this difficult time of the end and at the same time care for the commission Jehovah has given to us to preach the good news of the Kingdom and gather the remaining sheeplike ones. But we need to intensify our love for one another. We need to improve the help we give to one another. This is evident when we consider current needs within our worldwide association of brothers. Likely you see this need in your own congregation.

[2] In Jehovah's organization there are zealous and effective praisers of Jehovah. Their faith is strong and they continue to endure despite economic, health or other factors. And they serve loyally, even though the end of this system has not come as soon as they may have expected. But in our midst are new ones who have been added in the past few years. In addition, some who have been active in the preaching work in past years have become irregular or inactive in the service. Some of these have also let their appreciation for spiritual food wane to the point of attending only a few meetings or none at all. Often this is due to the influences of this world causing their love for Jehovah to become lukewarm or even cold.

LOVING ARRANGEMENTS TO HELP

[3] What is needed? We need to HELP ONE ANOTHER! True, we have been giving some assistance. But doubtless you will agree, more definite arrangements can be made not only to provide the type of help needed but also to make sure this is given long enough to really benefit those who need it. Such assistance is so vital that we should not leave it to chance.

[4] In coming months the theme

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Special Issue of "The Watchtower" to Feature 100th Anniversary

[1] One hundred years of continuous publication! In view of the great opposition experienced, is that not of itself powerful and convincing evidence of Jehovah's blessing on the endeavors of his modern witnesses to announce the Kingdom message far and wide? The July 1, 1979, issue marks the beginning of the 101st year of publication of *The Watchtower*.

[2] Only 6,000 copies were printed of that first July 1879 issue of *Zion's Watch Tower,* then printed monthly and only in English. From that small beginning, *The Watchtower* has grown over the years, both in number of copies printed and in spiritual stature. Millions have come to respect its reliability during the century of its publication in providing spiritual "food at the proper time." (Matt. 24:45) Even through two world wars, despite bans and opposition, it has not missed a single issue. Copies printed of each issue increased to 55,905 by 1929; 185,065 in 1939; 966,280 in 1949; 3,708,647 in 1959 and 6,641,483 in 1969. And in this anniversary year of 1979 no other religious publication comes anywhere near the distribution of *The Watchtower,* with over 9,200,000 copies on the average being printed of each issue in 82 languages.

[3] In reading this July 1 special issue you will have a number of reasons for being enthusiastic in presenting it to the public. Articles in this special issue deal with how the world has changed during the past 100 years and how *The Watchtower* progressively has met the spiritual needs of those hungering for truth. One tells how *The Watchtower* is printed and distributed. Other articles show how, right from the beginning, *The Watchtower* has been a champion in exposing false teachings such as immortality of the human soul, Trinity, hellfire, and so forth, while highlighting Jehovah's name and kingdom, and bringing comfort and encouragement through such basic truths as the ransom, resurrection of the dead and the second coming of Christ.

[4] The two study articles discuss how we can prove we have the truth and how God guides his people today. They encourage us to remain steadfast in our adherence to the truth and loyal to our God Jehovah and his congregation, showing how we can successfully do this.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

Note: No service meeting is being planned for the week of July 15 to allow an open week for attending a district convention. This open week can be shifted to the actual week you attend a district convention in June, July or August. The program during the week you attend a convention should be transferred to the week of July 15. The week of July 22 is set aside for reviewing the highlights of things learned at the district convention. This program may be shifted to the appropriate week.

WEEK STARTING JULY 1

Theme: Helping One Another.

7 min: Introduction. Song 19 and general announcements.

18 min: "We Need to Help One Another!" Talk, with audience participation. Discuss three-point goal for coming months. Clearly show Scriptural responsibility to help one another. Get comments on how we can participate and benefit by sharing in this arrangement.

15 min: "Special Issue of *The Watchtower* to Feature 100th Anniversary." Question-and-answer discussion with audience. Get expressions from brothers and sisters on how they have benefited from *The Watchtower* since learning the truth.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News." Discuss with audience suggested presentations. Ask for comments on how the publishers have used verses in Psalm 146 while witnessing in local territory.

5 min: Song 45 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 8

Theme: Youths, Have a Real Purpose in Life!

10 min: Introduction. Song 48 and local announcements, including announcements on page 4 that apply; also accounts report.

25 min: Life with a Purpose Is Not Boring. Elder discusses with group of young folks practical points from chapter 9 of *Youth* book, "Are You Bored at Home?" (See also *w76* 9/1 p. 519.) Not only at home, but are you bored at meetings, in field service, at school? Why? What is remedy? The following questions may be used or adapted in conducting the discussion: (1) What natural factors in growing up contribute to being bored at times? (2) How does one's own attitude determine to a large extent whether one becomes bored or not? (3) What can you do personally to improve the spirit in your home? (4) When you get assignments at home, at school or otherwise, why is it helpful to see how such assignments may affect your life now and in the future? To relieve boredom, why can it make a difference if you do things for others? (Phil. 2:3, 4) (5) Why does preparing for and commenting at meetings help to make them more interesting? (6) How will keeping in mind the reasons why we share in the preaching work help you have joy in the service? (7) Why is the complaint, "There's nothing to do," not a valid one? (8) Why are endurance and faith important in conquering boredom? Elder concludes with admonition to youth in congregation to fight boredom by being active in Jehovah's service, including also commendation for what is being done by young ones to serve Jehovah and keep strong in faith despite the allures of this world and problems "incidental to youth."—2 Tim. 2:22.

20 min: Experiences of Christian youth who have a purpose in life. Brief introduction, using main points in *w75* 8/1 p. 463. By briefly relating the experiences in the following issues of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, show how each youth had as his or her goal in life the pleasing of Jehovah by decisive action and zealous service: (1) *g71* 4/8 p. 23 ¶4, 5 (2 experiences); (2) *w71* 6/15 p. 368 ¶6; (3) *w75* 3/15 p. 185 ¶7; (4) *w73* 3/15 pp. 187, 188 (last experience); (5) *w75* 7/15 p. 440 (2 experiences); (6) *w76* 5/15 p. 292 ¶1; (7) *w76* 10/1 p. 588. (All experiences need not be used. Select those that might be most beneficial and encouraging to your congregation. You may wish to include several experiences of youths in your congregation or have some of the young publishers relate the experiences above.) Conclude by inviting all youths, as well as others in the congregation, to give full support to service arrangements.

5 min: Song 52 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 15

Week for attending district convention. (See note at top of page.)

WEEK STARTING JULY 22

Week for reviewing highlights of things learned at district convention. (See note at top of page.) Assignments of book study groups to report on certain days of the convention should be made as mentioned under "Announcements" in June 1979 *Our Kingdom Service.*

WEEK STARTING JULY 29

Theme: Helping One Another Produce Good Fruitage.

7 min: Song 49 and local announcements.

15 min: "Helping One Another (Part I): In the Field." Service overseer will explain to and discuss with congregation how the practical suggestions for helping one another in the field service will be implemented in the book study groups.

18 min: Planting Seed with Hope that Much of It Will Fall on Good Soil. Read and discuss each verse of Jesus' parable at Matthew 13:18-23, with emphasis on how we want our hearts personally to prove to be good soil, as we also preach the "word of the kingdom" with the hope that many more will hear the word, get the sense of it and produce good fruitage. (See *w76* 4/1 pp. 220-222; *or* p. 108, 109.)

1. Read verses 18, 19: What is the seed sown? Why is it said to be sown in the heart? Who are represented by the one where seed was sown alongside the road?
2. Read verses 20, 21: Who are represented by the ones where seed was sown upon the rocky places? How do they receive the word, but what causes them to stumble?
3. Read verse 22: Who are represented by the ones where seed was sown among the thorns? What makes them unfruitful? Why is this a warning even to Christians who are now producing fruitage?
4. Read verse 23: What is it that makes one's heart "fine soil"? (Contrast with three previous conditions.) Why is it important not only to hear the word but also to get the sense of it? Define good fruitage that is produced. Why did Jesus show that one would produce a hundredfold, another sixty, and still another thirty? (*or* p. 109)

Conclude with encouragement to share to the fullest extent of our circumstances in sowing seeds of the Kingdom, hoping that many will fall on good soil.

14 min: How Can We Use What We Have Learned? Review of practical things learned at the service meetings in July. Suggest that brother handling this part meet in advance with a group of brothers and sisters to talk over specific things that have benefited them; these points can be shared with the congregation. This part should be well thought out so that it will be of real value. They can tell how they have used or plan to use the suggestions given.

6 min: Encourage all to support the special day for house-to-house witnessing on Sunday. Song 68 and prayer.

Special Issue *(Cont'd)*

[5] If you have not already done so, why not set out immediately to read this issue from cover to cover. Select interesting points that you would like to use in speaking with others about it, and thus prepare yourself for a full share in field service during the month of July. If you will be attending one of the "Living Hope" District Conventions during July and August, you will have additional opportunities to speak with others about Jehovah's kingdom, using this special issue.

[6] You may have enough copies of the special issue to continue offering it during the entire month of July. If so, you may want to introduce it along with the July 15 issue when it arrives. The July 15 issue features the experience of a sister who was imprisoned in China on and off during 20 years because she resumed preaching the good news of the Kingdom each time she was released. The study articles provide Scriptural encouragement to sustain you in the vital work of searching out deserving ones from house to house.

[7] May we show our appreciation for the abundant blessings that Jehovah has given his people during the past 100 years by continued faithful service and by zealously sharing our hope with others.

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	649	128.3	48.4	4.6	98.3
Pios.	14,060	86.3	34.9	3.5	77.3
Aux. Pios.	51,008	57.0	18.0	1.2	52.7
Pubs.	463,589	8.4	3.7	.4	9.2
TOTAL	529,306				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,740

WELL DONE!

The service report for April was excellent! An all-time peak of 51,008 auxiliary pioneers! The total in hours surpassed last April by more than a million! There were also excellent increases in placements, Bible studies and the number baptized. This fine effort gives cause to rejoice. Keep up the good work!

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Need to Help (*Cont'd*)

"We Need to Help One Another!" will be stressed on the meetings in various ways. Three particular ways of giving help will be highlighted: (1) By more definite arrangements in the book study groups for experienced publishers to help those who want and need assistance in the disciple-making work. (2) By setting aside the first Sunday of each month for a special effort in the house-to-house work, with encouragement for all in the congregation to participate. (3) By strengthening the shepherding work and improving the quality of teaching in order to build faith and spirituality. Combined with this will be many opportunities for all publishers, brothers and sisters alike, to give encouragement and assistance. All of this is designed to HELP ONE ANOTHER!

COMPANIONS IN SERVICE

[5] If you are just starting in the preaching work; if you are finding it a little difficult to speak effectively at the doors; or if you are becoming a little discouraged and are slowing down in your service, we believe you will welcome the assistance of an experienced companion in the service. Paul admonished: "And let us consider one another to incite to love and fine works, not forsaking the gathering of ourselves together, as some have the custom, but encouraging one another." Then pointing to the future, he adds: "And all the more so as you behold the day drawing near." (Heb. 10:24, 25) That day is very near! We need to be 'incited to love and fine works' all the more so now. We believe all of Jehovah's servants see the need to cooperate in making more definite arrangements for HELPING ONE ANOTHER! (The article on page 3, the first in a series, gives details on how these arrangements can be made.)

FIRST SUNDAY FOR SERVICE

[6] By having the first Sunday of each month set aside for a special effort in the house-to-house work, everyone can plan accordingly. (Of course, there will be other days for service as before.) You may be a sister with an unbelieving mate. Would he be willing for you to devote two or more hours at least one Sunday a month in service? All members of the family may be willing to cooperate to make this possible. Other publishers may have different circumstances of a pressing nature that prevent them from going out every Sunday, but advance preparation may make it possible to spend at least one Sunday each month in field service.

BUILDING FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

[7] Jesus said to Peter: "Strengthen your brothers"; "feed my lambs." Later Peter admonished elders: "Shepherd the flock of God in your care, not under compulsion, but willingly . . . becoming examples to the flock." (Luke 22:32; John 21:15; 1 Pet. 5:2, 3) Some elders do well in shepherding, but there is a need for more specialized help, more specific application of Jehovah's Word in building faith and spirituality. This requires discernment and warm consideration. And when elders and ministerial servants receive parts on the meetings, such are excellent times to strengthen faith. Make local application. Be enthusiastic. Be encouraging. And practice what you preach, by being right out there in the field working with the publishers. Example always means more than words.

[8] As we get help, it is expected that we will become more experienced and effective ourselves. We will become stronger in faith and determination to serve Jehovah. This will put us in an excellent position to help still others. Let us therefore fully support the arrangements made to HELP ONE ANOTHER that we might continue to serve Jehovah faithfully while helping our brother or sister to do the same. Precious lives are involved!

Helping One Another (Part I):

In the Field

[1] In the modern-day history of Jehovah's people, the preaching of the good news from house to house has obviously had Jehovah's blessing. It has greatly facilitated the carrying out of the commission given by Jesus to his disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you."—Matt. 28:19, 20.

[2] Jesus set the example in training his disciples. He not only taught them about the Kingdom and other Bible truths, but he also instructed them in the most effective ways of preaching this good news to others. He sent them out by twos. (Mark 6:7; Luke 10:1) This undoubtedly provided companionship and encouragement, but we can be sure that they learned from each other, too, as they responded wholeheartedly to the Master's invitation to go forth and preach that the kingdom of the heavens was at hand.

[3] And what joy they had working together! Luke 10:17 tells us that "the seventy returned with joy, saying: 'Lord, even the demons are made subject to us by the use of your name.'" But Jesus corrected their thinking by saying: "Do not rejoice over this, that the spirits are made subject to you, but rejoice because your names have been inscribed in the heavens." (Luke 10:20) Yes, the reason for preaching is not to draw attention to ourselves by spectacular feats but to save lives, our own and those to whom we preach.—1 Tim. 4:16.

[4] While the situation in our territory may be somewhat different today, nevertheless, the basic instructions are still applicable as to what we preach as well as the need for searching out deserving ones even in the face of opposition. And today, as in Jesus' day, new disciples still need loving assistance so as to share effectively in the preaching and disciple-making work.

[5] Are you one who has much experience in preaching the good news and who might assist another who desires help? Or would you like an experienced publisher to work with you for a few weeks to share with you practical ways of improving your disciple-making work? We invite you to speak with your study conductor or the service overseer about your willingness to share, either to give or receive assistance. (More details will be given on how these arrangements can be made in book study groups in the August *Our Kingdom Service*.)

[6] As you begin to work with your companion in the service, you might first get together to look over what you might use effectively as a topic for conversation in your territory. Practice sessions are helpful. Typical situations at the door can be simulated. This will give you experience and fix in your mind definite points to talk about. Good preparation does much to reduce doubts about one's ability to speak and the fear of not knowing what to say. Thus, a strong desire builds up to tell out what you have in your heart, knowing that you are sharing in a life-saving work.

[7] Going to the doors together provides opportunity to put right into practice things learned. Experience is gained. Confidence is built up. Joy in Jehovah's service results. And when interested ones are found, this brings great happiness. Arrangements are made to return and feed these "sheep." If some are not interested, despite

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Using the Special Issue in Disciple-making

[1] In presenting the special July 1 issue of *The Watchtower*, the following suggested presentations may be helpful to you.

[2] If circumstances are such that only a brief presentation can be made, after introducing yourself and your service partner, you might say: "We've stopped by just briefly to bring you a most interesting special issue of *The Watchtower*. For one hundred years now this magazine has been published. And one of the articles in this centennial issue shows how it has come to have the respect of millions of truth-seekers around the world, in that it has had the courage to speak the truth on controversial religious teachings. Regardless of your religious background, I'm sure you would be interested in reading this and the other articles. This special issue is yours along with this copy of *Awake!* for a contribution of just 20c."

[3] If you can give a more extended witness, you may be able to use some or all of the thoughts below based on Psalm 146. You might say: "How good to find you at home at this time because we have volunteered some of our time and effort to share some good news with you. Most of the news we get today is bad news, isn't it so? [Allow person to answer.] Sad to say, much of the bad news today has to do with the failures of governments to provide basic human needs for those who depend on them. Therefore, when we learn about a government that has God's backing and that will without fail bring in conditions of peace and prosperity for all mankind, wouldn't you say that is really good news? [Pause for comment.] Did you ever think of God's kingdom that we pray for in the Lord's Prayer as a real government that will soon provide a completely righteous rule for humans living right here on earth? [Pause for possible reply.] You probably will appreciate what the inspired psalmist wrote at Psalm 146:5 and 6. [Read.] Also please note that verses 8 and 9 speak of a physical healing for the people and a promise to care for the needs of disadvantaged ones. [Point out key words in these verses.] And then in verse 10, note that all this will be done by Jehovah as King and that his rulership will last forever. Isn't that encouraging? And isn't it truly good news?"

[4] At this point introduce the subscription offer: *"The Watchtower* is the foremost magazine published today that announces Jehovah's kingdom. And do you know that, beginning with this July 1 issue, *The Watchtower* is beginning its second century of publication? That's right, the first issue was published in July of 1879, and we are taking the opportunity this month to offer to our neighbors a year's subscription to *The Watchtower* for just $2.00. New subscribers are receiving a copy of this 192-page Bible study aid free. We would like you to be included with those who will be receiving the next 24 issues of *The Watchtower* through the mail."

[5] You may vary this presentation by referring to the contents of the special issue or by citing a particular statement of interest. Also some of you may wish to combine a subscription to *Awake!* at the same time (for $4.00), giving the new subscriber two pocket-size books free. If the subscription offer is not accepted, offer the two magazines for 20c.

[6] If possible, rehearse your presentations with your companion in service or some other publisher. Be well prepared for the special field work during July.

Part 1 (*Cont'd*)

our good efforts, this does not discourage us. Not everyone listened to Jesus, and no one could improve on his methods. (Matt. 13:58) So there is no reason to be disturbed if some turn a deaf ear or even speak harsh words at times. We go along to the next house looking for the "sheep," not taking anything said in a personal way.

[8] Yes, there is a need to HELP ONE ANOTHER in the field. This is the Christian spirit. We all have a gift or potential for lending a helping hand in some way to assist our fellow praisers of Jehovah. Peter said: "In proportion as each one has received a gift, use it in ministering to one another as fine stewards of God's undeserved kindness expressed in various ways." —1 Pet. 4:10.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Is This Life All There Is?*:

July 1: Pages 5 to 12*
July 8: Pages 12 to 18*
July 15: Pages 18 to 26*
July 22: Pages 26 to 35*
July 29: Pages 35 to 43*

* To subheading or chapter heading.

Announcements

- Literature offer for July: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.00 with pocket-size book given free to new subscribers. Some may wish to offer subscriptions to the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* for $4.00, with two pocket-size books. August: *My Book of Bible Stories* for $2.00. September: New tract along with two latest magazines and revised brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* for 25c. October: *Awake!* subscription for $2.50 with pocket-size book given free to new subscribers.
- When publishers move and will be associated with a different congregation, it is a loving kindness to advise the new congregation so that there will be no delay in welcoming them and otherwise rendering assistance as needed. The secretary can be sure to follow through on this as soon as he learns that publishers will be moving. In connection with his report on the congregation, the circuit overseer will continue to inquire about this at the time of his visit.
- Starting in September the circuit overseers will be giving a slide presentation entitled: "The Bible—A Book for *This* Generation." District overseers will be speaking on the topic: "Whose Disciple Are You?"
- When the service overseer is selected by the body of elders during the circuit overseer's visit, the congregation can be informed without first awaiting the return of the form on which new appointments are made. The elders decide who will fill this position just as they decide who will serve as *Watchtower* conductor and school overseer.
- So that congregations can make suitable arrangements for the Memorial celebration next year, the date will be Monday, March 31, 1980, after sundown.
- New Publications Available:
  Good News—to Make You Happy —Serbian
  Unseen Spirits—Do They Help Us? Or Do They Harm Us? —Korean
  Watch Tower Publications Index for 1977 —French
- Available Again in U.S.A.:
  Is the Bible Really the Word of God? —Korean
  Organization for Kingdom-preaching and Disciple-making —Korean
  Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook —Korean

Question Box

- What is the correct way to count meeting attendance?

All adults should be counted. And how old should children be in order to be counted? A definite age has not been set. Rather, if the attendant believes that a child is benefiting and learning from the meeting, even to a limited extent, he should be counted. So, while young children may not pay the very best attention all through the meeting, if they nonetheless benefit and learn something, they should be counted. (Neh. 8:2) Parents are truly wise when they teach their children to pay attention rather than provide coloring books or other things that hinder children from listening and learning.

At assemblies, if persons are able to hear the program and are benefiting to some extent from it, they should be counted, even though not seated. Of course, all are encouraged to take seats and enjoy the program to the full, showing proper respect for what is being presented from the platform.

It is suggested that the count be taken during the last half of the meeting.

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JULY 30–AUGUST 5
Offering "Bible Stories" Book

1. How can illustrations be used to stimulate conversations? (Briefly review Stories 2, 10, 33, 70, 92, 115.)
2. How would you offer book to an adult? To a youngster?

AUGUST 6-12
Responding to: "Who Is It?"

1. Why are some understandably cautious about opening the door?
2. What kind of response might encourage them to open the door? What else might reassure householder?

AUGUST 13-19
Using Literature Discreetly

1. In displaying literature, how can you avoid appearance of being a salesman?
2. Under what circumstances might it be advisable not to feature or make extensive comments about literature?

AUGUST 20-26
Experiences in Using the "Bible Stories" Book

1. Relate some experiences from the article "It Is Filling a Need!" in the July 15, 1979, Watchtower.
2. Invite others to relate experiences they have enjoyed in offering or using the book.
3. Offer suggestions that might be helpful in starting studies with it.

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Helping Those with Special Needs

[1] Do we look for ways to work together with those whose opportunities to speak of Jehovah and his goodness are greatly limited due to some handicap or disability? There is hardly a congregation that does not have one or more individuals who are limited in what they can do because of some disability. There are many who are incapacitated physically because they are crippled, blind, deaf, or aged. While Jehovah is certainly pleased with their limited service, should we conclude that their desire to share fully is any less than ours?

[2] It is true with some that physical infirmities produce a greater awareness of Jehovah's love and goodness, prompting the individual to want to do more. Such a person may look for greater opportunities to serve Jehovah, and with some assistance from others, this may be possible, with greater joy resulting to all. Would it not be a fine expression of loving interest to include such ones in our plans for service, being alert to opportunities to take them with us or assist them to participate? This is in line with our set goal to HELP ONE ANOTHER!

WHAT WE CAN DO

[3] This thoughtfulness certainly harmonizes with the operation of Jehovah's spirit, which permeates the Christian congregation. Paul explained that there are "many members, yet one body" and observed that there are "members of the body which seem to be weaker" due to limitations that could be of a physical nature. The result? "If one member suffers, all the other members suffer with it." The effort to assist such ones with "helpful services" draws the congregation together in love and amplifies the proclamation of the Kingdom message.—1 Cor. 12:19-31.

[4] Can you think of some ways to do that? In one congregation there was a blind brother who was not entirely satisfied with what he was doing in Jehovah's service. He wanted to do more. Sensing a need, another brother asked if there was some way he could assist. As things worked out, the blind brother was

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The Service Overseer—
How He Can Help Us

[1] As a result of recent adjustments in the arrangement for elders a service overseer will be coordinating all the field activity in the congregation. What does this tell us? For one thing it emphasizes the importance of preaching the good news and making disciples. Additionally, we see the need for improved leadership and participation in the field service.

[2] During recent visits of the circuit overseer, one elder was selected to serve as the service overseer. Thought was given to having a brother who is zealous for field service, who loves the preaching work and who is capable of assisting others in making disciples. By the end of August, all congregations will have an assigned service overseer.

[3] The service overseer is not given a lot of records to keep, so he is free to take the lead out in the field. He will need and should have the cooperation of all the elders and ministerial servants, who will share in the field service leadership just as shepherds go ahead of the flocks.

[4] He will care for the basic responsibilities assigned to the field overseer as outlined on pages 73-76 of the *Organization* book. (However, field reports will be handled by the secretary.) He will give consideration to the field service arrangements throughout the week and see what improvements might be recommended to the body of elders. If some arrangements are not well supported, why is this the case? Should any adjustments be made? Is there a need for better leadership in some group(s)? Is the maximum being done to provide assistance to those who want help in the service? How is the territory being covered? What can be done to help more conduct Bible studies?

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NEW PEAK IN MEMORIAL ATTENDANCE!

We are happy to report that on April 11, 1979, the Memorial attendance was 1,335,268 in the United States. This is a 5.6% increase over last year—a genuine cause for rejoicing! We pray that these hundreds of thousands of interested persons who attended the Memorial this year will make further progress in their association with Jehovah's people. To that end, let us continue in our efforts to help them derive the greatest benefits from the spiritual provisions of the congregation.

Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 5

5 min: Song 85. Announcements.

18 min: "Helping One Another (Part II): Through the Book Study." Talk and demonstration. The book study arrangement lends itself well to providing personal assistance for those who desire some help in service. Helping one another is part of our service to God. (1 Pet. 4:10, 11) Stress that participation is prompted by loving interest in one another and is intended to aid those desiring assistance.

Present a brief demonstration showing how a conductor might approach a publisher to help get things started. *Scene 1:* He speaks to experienced sister, commending her for good consistency and effectiveness in the field service. Tells her about a newer sister in the group with a family and a busy schedule who appears to be in need of assistance. Asks her if she would be willing to work with her for a day or two, depending on the need, when they are able to do so. She is agreeable; willingly offers to help. *Scene 2:* Later, she approaches the other sister. Inquires how she is getting along and suggests the possibility of working together. Explains that she feels that preparing for service together with someone else and working with them would be mutually encouraging. Tells her that she would enjoy her company and likely each of them would do much to assist the other. Sister is pleased, readily agrees. They discuss tentative plans for the coming week. Both optimistic about the outcome. *Scene 3:* These two sisters are conversing with study conductor after the book study, relating experience they had in service. Both comment on how much they enjoyed working together and how they benefited. Conductor encourages them to let him know if he can assist in some way.

All of us can benefit from such a mutual interchange of encouragement and the congregation is strengthened by the building up of its members.—Rom. 1:11, 12; Eph. 4:12, 13, 16.

17 min: "Presenting the Good News—With *My Book of Bible Stories.*" Question-and-answer discussion of article. Include brief demonstration of two teen-agers witnessing at two homes. At one door, use picture accompanying Story 115. At the next door, use Psalm 146:4, 5, with comments that lead to resurrection theme and picture (Story 92).

15 min: Invite audience to relate experiences using the *Bible Stories* book or something of special interest found in the service last weekend. Also, include some experiences from 7/15/79 *Watchtower* article "It Is Filling a Need!" Invite all to share in field service in coming week.

5 min: Song 98 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 12

10 min: Song 5 and announcements. Read accounts report.

15 min: "Helping Those with Special Needs." Audience discussion. How can we do this in our congregation? Invite experiences showing benefits gained by giving or receiving this kind of help.

15 min: How Can We Assist Those Who Are Weak? (Based on April 15, 1979, *Watchtower*, pp. 24-27) Discussion between two elders. Discuss material from the standpoint of how genuine love will help us to be understanding and patient toward those needing help.

15 min: "The Service Overseer—How He Can Help Us." A talk by the service overseer. Explain new arrangement and advise congregation of what changes this has required locally. Point out benefits that can come from his good example and kind encouragement.

5 min: Song 41 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 19

Theme: TRUSTING IN JEHOVAH DURING YOUTH.—Ps. 71:5, 17.

15 min: Song 78 and local announcements. Family group having discussion from *Yearbook* of day's text (breakfast or evening meal). After comments on the text, father (or mother) relates interesting experience about zealous witness from page 83. Family appreciates this experience, expresses a desire to do likewise.

23 min: Helpful Guidelines for Young People. School starts shortly and there young people face many difficult situations. Parents or others approached may be able to help. Many youngsters show little initiative in school, often complaining that it is uninteresting and tiring. If not really involved in learning, interests may center on social activities, sports, and so forth, which can be spiritually harmful. Parents have good reason to be concerned.

Demonstration: Mother and father are talking to their children about coming school year. Children are commended for past good efforts in studies, but parents express concern about a few poor grades last year and involvement in certain activities that could be harmful. Children voice complaint that some subjects in school were boring. Parents reason with them kindly, helping them to appreciate the practical benefits to be gained. Father suggests that all open *Youth* book to chapter 11 and review discussion on "Why Study in School?" Emphasize practical reasons why youngsters should appreciate opportunity to receive training for developing skills in secular work, reading, increasing their learning abilities, and so forth. Family discusses situations where such training will be genuinely useful and appreciated. Children now view things differently and express determination to apply themselves more diligently as school begins. Parents commend them and suggest they get together as a family later to review progress and discuss any further problems.

18 min: Faithful Youths Like Samuel. (This part should be well rehearsed under supervision of qualified elder.) Group of young people on stage for discussion of the life of Samuel, especially as a youth. Group reads 1 Samuel chapter 3. Young brothers who are good readers take the parts of Samuel, Eli, the voice of Jehovah, and a narrator. What can youth today, faced with the problems and environment of the present wicked system of things, learn from Samuel's example? Invite group to comment on following: (1) How can youth be eager to respond like Samuel? (2) How can young ones imitate his respect for an older person and his willingness to go to someone older for counsel? (3) How can youth today learn from his not being influenced by the bad examples around him? (4) His faithfulness from youth until old age should help youth in what ways as they plan for the future?—See *ad* pp. 1438, 1439.

4 min: Song 75 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 26

8 min: Song 94. Encourage all to share in field service on Sunday with tract distribution. Announce any local arrangements for service on holiday, September 3.

20 min: "What Has Happened to Love?" Use 10 minutes for consideration of the tract; show how material can be used in the field. Have a number of short demonstrations on how the tract along with the revised brochure and two latest magazines can be offered. Show what can be stated to (a) young (b) middle-aged and (c) older persons we meet at the door. We may start by saying: "Good day. We are leaving this free tract "What Has Happened to Love?" with all of our neighbors. This is your copy. [Hand person a copy of tract. Then, depending on the age of the householder, we can use one of the pictures.] It certainly saddens us when we see scenes like these, doesn't it? Can you imagine how it would be if people would follow the principles that are mentioned in the Bible citations that are listed here, like . . . [Read one or two on page 3.] There are many persons living today who are finding true enjoyment in life because of upholding the Bible's definition of love. Also, this brochure explains how such a way of life is possible. I would like to leave it with you, along with these two magazines, on a contribution of 25c." Encourage all to share during the month of September in distributing the tracts that the congregation has been allotted.

12 min: Have several publishers relate experiences they had during August. Include some that highlight use of *My Book of Bible Stories.*

15 min: What Are We Doing with What We Are Learning? Prepare well in advance, requesting individuals or book study groups to present their experiences in actually using or applying what was learned at the service meetings during August. Comments should show how information is being used in a practical, beneficial way. Points to be stressed: (1) In what ways are you helping one another in the book study arrangement? (2) What kind of assistance have you been able to provide for those who are infirm or incapacitated? (3) Young people: How do you view school? In what ways are you trying to imitate the good qualities found in young Samuel?

5 min: Song 97 and prayer.

Announcements

- Literature offer for August: *My Book of Bible Stories* for $2.00. Or, alternative offer of three pocket-size books for $1.00 for those who do not prefer a book for children. September: A tract will be used along with two magazines and the revised brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* for 25c. October: *Awake!* subscription for $2.50 with a pocket-size book given free to new subscribers.
- Since the Society receives quite a number of inquiries relating to gifts and wills and the conditional donation arrangement, it may prove helpful to read to the congregation again the Society's letter of last year. Especially is this suggested if, for some reason, it was not read to the congregation before. With this letter, enclosures were sent. These were to be placed in the congregation file by the secretary who is to make them available to any who request to read them.
- As of July 1, the Society is produc-

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Those with Special Needs *(Cont'd)*

soon conducting a regular Bible study of his own. How did he do it? The helping brother took time each week to read the entire lesson out loud for him. He would accompany the blind one on the Bible study and read the questions. Being familiar with all the material, the blind brother was able to conduct a fine study, much to his joy.

5 In another congregation, several deaf ones became associated. There was no one to assist them as an interpreter, so a few of the young brothers and sisters were alert to this need and learned the sign language. They made a fine expression of their brotherly love by helping to convey the benefits of the meetings to such ones. They also arranged to take them along with them in the service, setting up opportunities on various calls where these deaf ones could express their hope to others. Needless to say, there was a mutual interchange of encouragement among all involved.

6 A severely crippled sister found it almost impossible to get to the meetings or share in group arrangements for service. Several thoughtful publishers arranged to take turns recording congregation meetings so that she could get the benefits even though confined at home. Besides regular visits to give encouragement, they also helped her arrange things so as to share in the service. They provided her with names and addresses of interested persons to whom she could write and some of them she was even able to develop into Bible studies. There have been similar cases where the interested person has been brought to the bedside of the infirm one and the study was conducted there regularly. Other experiences tell of kindly publishers taking infirm ones along in a wheelchair when they do street work or when they work in apartment buildings where such ones can move about more easily from door to door. It takes a little more time and effort, but think of the far-reaching benefits of thus working together.

7 You likely can discover a wide variety of similar needs existing right in your own congregation. Do you have a foreign-speaking publisher with a language barrier? Is there some older brother or sister who needs a helping hand? What about those who might have a chronic ailment that permits service activity only under specialized conditions? If you give this matter some thought, you may be able to contribute toward helping your brother in a manner that can bring great joy to him, as well as to yourself.

8 Planning our activity with a view to working together assures the incapacitated ones that "if one of them should fall, the other one can raise his partner up." It also gives real meaning to the proverb: "Friends always show their love. What are brothers for if not to share trouble?"—Eccl. 4:10; Prov. 17:17, *Today's English Version.*

The Service Overseer *(Cont'd)*

5 Much of his work of strengthening field service will be within the book study groups. Many, if not all, of the elders will be book study conductors, and having discussed and understood what is needed as a body of elders, they will be able to cooperate more readily and effectively with the service overseer in implementing and building support for field service.

6 The service overseer usually will conduct a book study, but once a month he will visit one of the other book study groups, showing particular interest in how the group is doing in the preaching work. (While he is away, his assistant will conduct the study.) With the study being reduced to 45 minutes during his visit, the service overseer will use the closing 15 minutes to encourage all in the group to appreciate their privilege of sharing the good news with others. In addition to working with publishers from house to house as he is able during the week, perhaps he can go with one or more on a Bible study.

7 The service overseer will serve continuously unless circumstances make it necessary for a replacement. If a change must be made, the body of elders will assign that responsibility to another elder and inform the congregation. At his next visit, the circuit overseer will show on his report to the Society which elder is currently serving in that position. The service overseer can take his regular turn as presiding overseer according to the local rotation schedule.

8 We invite your full cooperation with the service overseer in your congregation, as you give good support to the field service arrangements in your book study group.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Is This Life All There Is?:*

August 5: Pages 43 to 51*
August 12: Pages 51 to 60*
August 19: Pages 60 to 69*
August 26: Pages 69 to 78*

* To subheading or chapter heading.

Helping One Another (Part II): Through the Book Study

1 While all of us equally share the responsibility to preach, we are not all equal in experience or abilities. (1 Cor. 12:29, 30) There are those who are new or lack experience. Some are limited due to education or language barriers. Others are particularly experienced in one feature of field service, but not in another. Naturally, we all desire to be capable and effective preachers of the good news. By sharing the benefits of our experience and capabilities with others, much happiness can result.—Acts 20:35.

2 The book study group arrangement is a fine provision for providing mutual help. Many publishers have experience and abilities that they can use to assist others in their group. In many cases, it is simply a matter of making known the need and asking them to assist. We suggest that each book study conductor give thought to some who may need a helping hand in the service, and those who might be willing and in the best position to give effective help.

3 When he has this in mind, perhaps the conductor can first approach the experienced publisher about working with one less experienced. For example, he might say to a sister: "Would you mind working with Sister—— for a day or two in the house-to-house service? I am sure that she would benefit from your experience. I think both of you would enjoy working together as companions for awhile and it would prove to be mutually upbuilding."

4 If the experienced sister is agreeable, the conductor can suggest that she talk to the other sister about it, working out arrangements that would be suitable for them. In some cases, they might want to discuss such with the study conductor, as he may have suggestions on how to proceed. They can plan what would be most convenient in the way of preparing together, sharing in the service and following up interest.

5 The conductor should take a real interest in the brothers by inquiring from time to time as to how they are getting along. His helpfulness and words of encouragement will demonstrate that he is more than just someone who conducts the study; he has tender affection for others and is sincerely interested in their spiritual prog-

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With "My Book of Bible Stories"

1 "Simple, yet very instructive!" That is what many are saying about *My Book of Bible Stories.* Undoubtedly, this fine Bible study aid can help us reach many more sincere ones, both young and old, who have yet to understand the Bible's message.

2 Since many have been affected by the death of a loved one, you may wish to speak of the condition of the dead and the hope of the resurrection, tying in Psalm 146:4, 5 and Story 92 of the *Bible Stories* book.

3 We might start our presentation like this: "Good day. As a neighbor of yours it is a pleasure to bring you some good news. All of us have experienced the loss of a close friend or relative in death. Perhaps you have wondered what has happened to such ones. [Allow time for comment.] God's Word gives us hope in Psalm 146:4, 5. [Read.] How kind God is in giving hope both for those who have passed away in death and for those of us who are living. This picture [turn to Story 92] shows a resurrection that Christ Jesus performed not only for the young girl's sake, but also for the joy of her parents. You can just imagine how happy those parents must have been. But this was not the only person Jesus resurrected. The last paragraph of this story shows that he resurrected the son of a widow and his good friend Lazarus. And note the good news mentioned in the last two sentences. [Read.] This publication is designed for young and old alike, to help us all better appreciate the love and concern that God has for us. We are offering it on a contribution of $2.00." You may adapt this presentation to fit the circumstances.

4 Where people are busy, we might like to use a shorter presentation, including the illustration in Story 115. We might approach the householder by saying: "Good day. To provide good reading material for young people, I have found this publication to be of great assistance to parents and children alike. It helps them to learn about what God has promised for the future. [Turn to Story 115; read last sentence in paragraph one.] The publishers have made this *Bible Stories* book with over 125 Bible-based illustrations [quickly thumb through the book] available at a very reasonable cost of $2.00. Would you care to have a copy for your children (grandchildren)?"

5 Many have enjoyed fine experiences offering the *Bible Stories* book informally. One sister reported placing copies by offering it to pediatricians, mentioning that it would be good reading for youngsters in the waiting room. A sister who offered the book at a nursery school was able to start a study with the children. Additionally, she placed 70 books with the children, their parents and their neighbors. The lady in charge of the nursery took 24 books for herself, her relatives and friends. Be alert to your opportunities to offer this easy-to-place book.

6 With many young people home from school because of summer vacation, we should have many opportunities to talk to young ones and their parents. This month should prove to be a most enjoyable one as we render praise to Jehovah with the aid of *My Book of Bible Stories.*—Ps. 146:10.

Meetings for Field Service *(Cont'd)*

AUGUST 27–SEPTEMBER 2

Offering the Tract

1. Briefly review highlights, pointing out features that are most likely to attract attention.
2. What can you say that might prompt the householder to want to read it?
3. What features of the brochure could you highlight to tie in with the theme of the tract?

Book Study . . . *(Cont'd)*

ress. When the service overseer spends a week with that group, he, too, will be interested in what is being accomplished. Anything that he and the conductor can do with a view to developing the arrangement to help one another at the book study level will strengthen the congregation as a whole. —1 Thess. 2:7, 8.

MAY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	665	129.9	95.6	46.9	4.5
Pios.	15,614	82.8	64.7	32.1	3.1
Aux. Pios.	22,957	59.9	47.7	19.7	1.5
Pubs.	481,201	8.6	8.7	3.8	.4
TOTAL	520,437				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,183

MEMORIAL REPORT

	1979	1978
Total Attendance	1,335,268	1,264,420
Number of Partakers	4,246	4,308

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

ing two Braille *Watchtower* magazines each month. Henceforth, the Braille edition will be available on a subscription basis only, the partnership arrangement for exchanging magazines being discontinued. The subscription rate is $6.00 per year. Other publications are available in Braille. Those who are interested should write the Society, Attention: Braille Desk.

● As soon as the August report is compiled, the form (S-10) for supplying the Society with the activity of the congregation should be completed and sent promptly to the Society. Keep the duplicate in the congregation file.

● Pioneer report cards and forms for use by the congregation during the coming year are being mailed in August.

● New Publications Available:

Good News—to Make You Happy —Bengali, Hungarian, Marathi, Serbian

Holy Spirit—The Force Behind the Coming New Order! —Hungarian

Study Questions for the book Is the Bible Really the Word of God? —Chinese, Japanese, Spanish

● Available Again in U.S.A.:

The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Hindi

● Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good —English

● "The Bible—A Book for *This* Generation" is the timely subject for the new slide talk that circuit overseers will show starting September 1979. In previous years it took four years to have a slide showing world wide, but this time enough sets of slides are being sent out so that all congregations earth wide will see the slide talk within the 1980 service year.

● Due to the steady increase in the cost of materials and services, the Society finds it necessary to increase the prices of the following publications, effective September 1, 1979:

Watchtower and Awake! Subscriptions

Semimonthly Magazines	Pioneer	Publisher	Public
1 Year	$1.25	$2.40	$2.50
6 Months	.65	1.15	1.25
Monthly Magazines			
1 Year	.65	1.15	1.25

(No 6-month subscriptions on monthly magazines.)

Books

Pocket-size book	.10	.45	.50

There is no change in price for larger books, and individual copies of the magazines will still be placed with the public at 10c a copy.

● The Literature Inventory forms should be completed and forwarded to the Society no later than September 6. In view of September price changes, the value of 192-page books should be shown as 45c.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Trust in God Brings Hope for the Dead.

1. Many view death as final. —Ps. 146:4.
2. Jehovah is a God of hope, even for the dead.—Ps. 146:5.
3. Resurrection prospects are a cause for joy.

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Meetings for Field Service

SEPTEMBER 3-9

Using the Brochure

1. For whom is the brochure particularly appropriate? Why?
2. Review highlights of pages 26-32. What questions might be of particular interest to people in your area?
3. How would you use the brochure in making return visits?

SEPTEMBER 10-16

Showing Neighbor Love

1. Why is showing neighbor love so important? (Mark 12:30, 31; Matt. 22:37, 39)
2. How can the tract information help our neighbors?
3. What opportunities do we have to show neighbor love?

SEPTEMBER 17-23

Help One Another

1. When and how do you encourage others to share in field service?
2. How do you help others to speak at the doors?
3. Why is it important to share in field service? (1 Tim. 4:16)

SEPTEMBER 24-30

Assist Our Youths

1. How can mature publishers encourage and assist younger publishers in field service?
2. What are some ways that older youths might help younger publishers to prepare for service?
3. What Scriptural subjects do youths enjoy discussing with householders at the doors?

"What Has Happened to Love?"

[1] 'I like my privacy and have never encouraged visitors to drop in unannounced,' wrote one successful businesswoman, who added: 'One evening about 7:30, there was a knock on my door. It was a widow who lives on my floor. She was lonely and asked if she could come in and visit for a while. I politely but bluntly told her I was busy. She apologized and left. I felt quite proud of myself for not getting trapped by such a bore. The next evening a friend telephoned and asked if I knew the woman in my building who had committed suicide the night before. If you have not already guessed, she was the woman who knocked on my door!'

[2] How tragic! The attitude of this woman, whose letter was published in many newspapers, is typical of those in a world where love has grown as cold as ice. Very few want to burden themselves by reaching out and showing love to others. Yet what a vivid contrast this should be with us! We want to help others. What an opportunity we have to prove that our love has not grown cold toward people by distributing the tract "What Has Happened to Love?" People need to know that there are still persons with genuine love.

[3] Millions of people feel lost, afraid and miserable. Young people often feel bitter, unwanted, not knowing what to do with their lives. Frustrated, unhappy married persons turn to divorce for relief. Loneliness has become a prison for many. This is all very sad and our hearts go out to so many people who do not know how to find happiness. (Matt. 9:36) But, happily, we can do something to help by showing these people what is missing in their lives: love for Jehovah, and love for neighbor.

[4] As you go from house to house during September, try to talk with people from the Bible, perhaps discussing with them one of the Scripture references on page 3 of the tract. Endeavor to start a Bible study on the initial call. If circumstances are not right to start a study then, offer the brochure and two magazines for 25c. However, use your good judgment for we want the householders to know we are there because we love them and want to help them—not just to place literature. If no one is at home, leave the tract out of sight. (It is illegal to put items in the mailbox.—See *Our Kingdom Service*, April 1976, Announcements, page 2.) A territory can be reported as worked when we cover it with tracts.

[5] Aside from a full share in the

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Help One Another to Serve Regularly

[1] Regular field activity is a sign of spiritual strength. However, when one is ill plans get frustrated, things no longer get done and help is needed.

[2] Jehovah is a superb example of being regular in all his activities. He provides for our spiritual and material needs regularly. (Rev. 22:2; Matt. 6:11) Our very existence depends on the regularity found in his creation, and even though we are undeserving, he does not forget us but is constant in his love toward us.—Jas. 1:17.

[3] We certainly appreciate the benefits from such regular service from Jehovah, do we not? Such appreciation will move us to respond in like manner by making room in our busy lives to serve him regularly, not letting a month go by without in some way sharing in preaching the good news and in reporting it.

[4] There is need, too, for us to *help one another* to be regular in the service, for reports show that last year some 37,000 in the U.S., or about five per congregation on the average, allowed their field service to become first irregular and finally inactive. If there are any in your congregation, do you know who they are? But, more importantly, what can be done to help them? First of all, elders can take the lead in calling on them, possibly taking along some ministerial servants who could effectively follow up with loving assistance. Individually, though, we also have a responsibility toward such ones who are "related to us in the faith." (Gal. 6:10) So, we encourage you to offer to call on some of them after checking with elders.

[5] Often, what is needed is simply for us to take a personal interest in them and offer to take them with us in field service, perhaps accompanying us in making return visits or on a Bible study. This in itself may serve to rekindle their joy and the love they once had for the field service. For some, it may

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 2

Theme: Showing Love for Neighbor.

10 min: Song 61 and Announcements on page 3.

25 min: "What Has Happened to Love?" Lively audience discussion. Last 10 minutes of part, publishers will relate experiences they have enjoyed when distributing the current tract or a previous one.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the Tract and Brochure." Briefly discuss and demonstrate each approach. After each presentation, analyze it with the audience. Invite all to share as fully as circumstances permit, distributing the tract, brochure and magazines.

5 min: Song 15 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 9

Theme: Strengthen Faith—Serve Regularly.

15 min: Song 78. General announcements. Brief comments on theme. Discuss Question Box with audience.

20 min: Building to Jehovah's Glory. —1 Chron. 29:9-13.

(10 min.) Talk covering highlights of article "Building to Jehovah's Glory" in May 1, 1979, *Watchtower*. Emphasize that all things should be used to honor Jehovah since they belong to him. (1 Chron. 29:11) Under subheading "Building for the Future," briefly review history of expansion of organization world wide. In considering "Building with a Purpose," highlight reason for expansion of facilities.

(10 min.) Discussion with audience on part we individually can play in building to Jehovah's glory. Cover following points:

1. Honor Jehovah with our valuable things, such as time, energy, material things, and so forth. —Prov. 3:9.
2. As in David's day, support by individuals shows appreciation of Jehovah's blessing.—1 Chron. 29:13.
3. Voluntary contributions from the heart are encouraged.—2 Cor. 8:12; 9:7.
   Privilege of contributing to local congregation.
   Privilege of contributing directly to the Society individually or as a congregation.
4. Contributions indicate our love for Jehovah and he blesses those who contribute voluntarily.—1 Chron. 29:14-17; Mal. 3:10.

20 min: "Help One Another to Serve Regularly." Stimulating talk based on article. Emphasize need to keep personally strong by serving regularly; also to assist others who need some help. In considering paragraph 5, include demonstration of experienced publisher calling on one who has not recently associated. Start with discussion of 2 Peter 1:5-8 and share points learned from talk "Neither Inactive nor Unfruitful," Saturday afternoon of "Living Hope" District Convention. Select a few of the qualities mentioned in verses and bring in appropriate points remembered from talk. For example, on FAITH: Loss of faith can begin with "clean" association with nice neighbors, workmates, and so forth, or by being so wrapped up in daily concerns for life that one thinks about God less and less. Each day must give thought to fact that God exists and not let busy schedule crowd out prayers and Bible reading. On SELF-CONTROL: May need self-control in things not wrong in themselves—when to turn off TV or leave friend's house. Getting more rest may help enjoy service and meetings more. For God's spirit to help us, must learn to say "No" when faced with temptation. It is love of God and neighbor that motivates us to action and fruitfulness, but need to deepen love so it not only exists, but "overflows," making works not forced, but spontaneous from heart. After discussion, tactfully invite and arrange to go to Kingdom Hall together on Sunday. Chairman concludes part by considering 1 Corinthians 15:58.

5 min: Song 92 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 16

Theme: Ready to Tell Our Hope. —1 Pet. 3:15.

12 min: Song 54. "Our Circuit Assemblies—Spiritual Feasts to Strengthen All of Us." Talk and audience discussion.

Brothers assigned to handle the following two parts will coordinate their development in handling the material. These two parts blend together.

13 min: "Helping One Another (Part III): To Speak at the Doors." Audience discussion.

25 min: Prepare to Speak.

(4 min.) Chairman briefly reviews benefits of arrangement for giving assistance. To aid those who have mutually agreed to work together for awhile, the following demonstrations may be of help: (1) preparing together, and (2) working together in the field.

(10 min.) Preparing together. Two sisters meet to prepare together the first presentation under Presenting the Good News. Throughout preparation they apply points in paragraph 4.

(2 min.) Chairman invites audience to comment on what they can use from what was demonstrated.

(6 min.) Working together in the field. Demonstrate a realistic application of points in paragraphs 5 and 6. At the door, both sisters speak but with experienced publisher carrying most of discussion, including the presentation of brochure and magazine offer, which is not accepted. Call ends with publisher encouraging householder to further consider information in tract. On way to next door, publishers discuss the call and what might be done at the next door for improvement.

(3 min.) Tract distribution provides opportunity to prepare together and work together in the field. Encourage those who desire assistance to make it known to their study conductor, and invite publishers to volunteer to help others. Working together as companions in service will prove to be mutually upbuilding and beneficial.

10 min: Expressions from publishers who have benefited from working with others in the past. Song 59 and prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Is This Life All There Is?*:

September 2:	Pages	78 to 85*
September 9:	Pages	85 to 91*
September 16:	Pages	91 to 98*
September 23:	Pages	98 to 103*
September 30:	Pages	103 to 110*

* To subheading or chapter heading.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 23

Theme: Serve Jehovah Joyfully.

10 min: Song 63 and local announcements.

15 min: Talk by elder on "Youth's Place in the Christian Society," based on April 1, 1979, *Watchtower*. Highlight opportunities available to youth for praising Jehovah. Cover also main points in second study article showing dangers set before youth by demon-controlled system. Discuss why and how they can be avoided. Encourage youth to stick close to Jehovah's organization and enjoy blessings of Kingdom service.

15 min: Youths Serve with Joy in the Field. Discussion with group of young publishers who are good examples. Chairman can open by commending youths for what they are and what they can do in praising Jehovah. Discuss opportunities to share in house-to-house work and draw out comments. During discussion some could express feelings they might have, such as: (1) Not always easy to talk with older people. (2) Same is true when classmates answer the door. (3) Feel they are not qualified to answer questions from householder. Chairman discusses points with youths and draws out comments on these helpful suggestions: Need to develop proper mental attitude (2 Tim. 2:22); determine points a youth could develop with an adult; how young publishers could approach youths who answer the door; advantages of working with older publishers at times as well as with other youths; how older youths can help younger ones prepare for field service. Conclude by encouraging youths and older ones to share joyfully in telling out the good news.—Rom. 10:10.

15 min: "How Are You Using What You Learned This Month?" Brother assigned this part will discuss with publishers in advance how they have benefited from the following: (1) Assisting inactive ones to see why we should be regular in service. (2) Helping one another to speak effectively at the doors. (3) Reporting field service.

5 min: Song 109 and prayer.

Help . . . to Serve Regularly *(Cont'd)*

be helpful to strengthen their appreciation for spiritual things. This can be done by our sharing with them some particularly appealing material in the publications, or some interesting Scriptural points learned at the circuit or district assemblies, or some encouraging experiences heard at the Kingdom Hall or elsewhere. This may encourage them to attend meetings regularly, and, in turn, they can be assisted to share in field service.

6 When we put forth the effort to serve regularly ourselves, "always having plenty to do in the work of the Lord," our faith will be "steadfast" and "unmovable." We will then be able to help others who may have become irregular or inactive. We can be assured that our "labor is not in vain in connection with the Lord."—1 Cor. 15:58.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for September: Tract along with *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* (revised brochure) and two magazines for 25c. Single brochure, 10c. (Each brochure placement is to be reported as a booklet.) October: *Awake!* subscription for one year for $2.50 with *Man's Salvation, Know Jehovah* or *Paradise Lost* as a free gift. *Man's Salvation* may be ordered from Brooklyn. November: Three books for $1.00. Use the following: *Holy Spirit, Great Teacher, This Life,* or *World Government* books. Congregations should place orders now for what they may need. December: *New World Translation* and new book *Choosing the Best Way of Life* for $2.50.

- Details will be announced next month regarding credit that may be requested by congregations for books used in the October and November campaigns.

- Congregation accounts should be audited on September 1, or as soon as possible thereafter, by the presiding overseer or someone he appoints.

- New Publications Available:
  - *Choosing the Best Way of Life* (*bw*) —English, Spanish
  - *Commentary on the Letter of James* (*cj*) —English, Spanish
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* —Chinese, Dutch, Finnish, Swedish
  - *Bible Topics for Discussion* —Chichewa, Danish, Ibo, Italian, Portuguese, Twi
  - *Study Questions for the book Is This Life All There Is?* —Spanish

- At times mail addressed to the Kingdom Hall is returned to the Society or to others who write. It is marked as being undeliverable for various reasons, usually because there is no mailbox for receiving mail. We recommend that at the next elders' meeting the presiding overseer discuss with the body of elders how this can be remedied. If there is a problem at the local post office, this can be discussed with an official at the post office in an effort to clear it up.

"What Has Happened . . ." (*Cont'd*)

house-to-house distribution of the tract, each of us can take advantage of his own special territory assignment—those people we already know. Remember, our schoolmates, workmates, neighbors, friends and relatives may miss receiving a tract at their doors, so offer them one. It is clear that if we are to have results, we need to be prepared and alert to our opportunities. Have in mind what you want to say and use the tracts effectively.

6 Young and old, new and experienced, yes, all of us want to show that we will reach out to *help others*. We will also do what we can to help the incapacitated ones to share in this work. (8/79 *km*) As the world grows even colder in its love, let us grow warmer and more intense in our love. As we fulfill our desire to help one another we will have happiness and satisfaction, inciting others to serve Jehovah. May our work with the tract have Jehovah's rich blessing.—Rev. 22:17.

Helping One Another (Part III):

To Speak at the Doors

1 Jesus said: "Everyone that is perfectly instructed will be like his teacher." (Luke 6:40) The majority of his disciples were just ordinary people like us. By going with Jesus, listening to him and watching his methods of teaching, they were soon ready to be sent out by twos to preach the good news to their neighbors. They took to heart the command to "make disciples . . . baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you." —Matt. 28:19, 20.

2 As disciples of Jesus today, we are under obligation to preach the good news and "make disciples." That Jehovah's blessing is obviously upon our preaching at the doors of our neighbors, as it was in the first century, is shown each month by the number baptized. These persons in turn take up the disciple-making work, and thus, the number preaching has increased.

3 Many of us today, as in Jesus' day, need assistance in order to become disciple-makers. In various congregations provisions exist to aid us to be better teachers. The last two issues of *Our Kingdom Service* discussed arrangements for experienced publishers to lend a helping hand. When you volunteer to assist another or another offers to assist you to speak at the doors, what can be done?

4 Two things are recommended: (1) preparing together, and (2) working together in field service. In preparing together as companions in service, spend some time discussing suggested presentations from *Our Kingdom Service*. Discuss what can be used as introductory remarks, how to get into the presentation, into the Bible, into the literature offer, as well as concluding the call and starting a study where possible. After getting the points in mind, take turns being the publisher and then the householder. These practice sessions will do much to help you to speak with confidence at the door. As Jesus had the truth, so we have it, too, and it is what other people need to gain life under Kingdom rule.

5 On your way to the territory, by reviewing with each other the points you want to use, you will have them fresh in mind when you get to the first door and you will be off to a good start. You can decide if the one with more experience takes the first door or two. Or, after the introduction, both might share in reading scriptures and commenting. As you work together, discuss how your presentations might be improved. Be encouraging and supportive to each other as companions in the service.

6 Working together will result in

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Our Circuit Assemblies —Spiritual Feasts to Strengthen All of Us

1 Beginning with September, a new series of circuit assemblies will begin throughout the United States. But before we discuss what is ahead, let us pause and reflect on the circuit assembly program just concluded. Did you get to attend that spiritual feast? We certainly hope so. Most brothers did and many wrote to the Society to express their appreciation for the fine program that served to strengthen us all.

2 Most who wrote the Society commented on the direct way in which the program helped us all to recognize the dangers of Satan's unclean world so as to maintain a clean congregation. One district overseer wrote: "The majority of the brothers by far seem to appreciate and respond when the program 'tells it like it is.'" Another brother wrote about a young brother in his congregation who had questionable associations: "He felt the whole program was directed at him. He said he had some changes to make." This brother also wrote: "I believe this assembly has had a greater impact than any in many years."

3 But now what does the future hold? Well, beginning this month the new program starts, with its theme, "Proving Ourselves Fruitful Disciples." One part of the program will deal with building with fire-resistant materials and how this can help us produce fruitage. Are we building fire-resistant qualities into new disciples? What are these fire-resistant qualities? Are we really reaching hearts by the art of teaching? And what are some of the fiery tests that affect Christians today?

4 The new program will also help

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the Tract and Brochure

1 In the world of mankind, young and old admit often and freely that there is a great need for *love*. Haven't you found that to be so in your field activity? How sad it is that people are not aware of how or where to find the love they need! And what a marvelous opportunity Jehovah is giving us to show millions, by our combined efforts world wide, 'What Has Happened to Love'! Who could not be excited about participating in this effort?

2 Although you may feel free to use any presentation that appeals to you and that is suitable to your personality and makeup, here are some suggestions. Those with experience might say: "This morning (afternoon) I'm visiting my neighbors to discuss a vital need in our community. Note the question that is the title of this tract. [Give householder tract as you read title.] If more love were shown in our community it would be a far more enjoyable place to live, wouldn't it? [Allow for comment.] How enjoyable life would be if these circumstances were eliminated! [Point to illustration on page 2.] Note the words of our Lord Jesus, quoted from Matthew 24:12, here on page 3. He stated that part of the sign of our living in the last days would be that 'the love of the greater number would cool off.' Is it possible that we are seeing this in our lifetime?" (Allow for comment.)

3 If circumstances allow you to continue, open your Bible to 2 Timothy 3:1-5 and discuss appropriate points with the householder. Start a Bible study where possible.

4 Likely you will have many opportunities to place the brochure and two magazines. You might say: "Many people have asked questions about Jehovah's Witnesses, wanting to know something about their beliefs and activities, which include my coming to your home today. In this brochure [in showing cover, read title, then turn to pages 26-27] you have a summary of 'Questions often asked by interested persons.' This is your copy with two magazines for only 25c."

5 For you who are newer in field service, you may wish to say: "I recently became one of Jehovah's Witnesses because of looking for an improved quality of life, a fellowship where love exists world wide regardless of race or nationality. Please allow me to give you this printed message as a gift. [Give tract.] While you may have your own religion, you will find some scriptures in here that I am sure you will enjoy reading."

6 If you are young in years, you might find it easy to say: "I'm being trained by my parents to show concern for other people. One of the ways I can do this is to visit my neighbors with an encouraging message from the Bible. Here is your free copy." (Give tract.) Where interest is shown and your parents (or others) are at the door with you, they may wish to assist you to develop the interest.

7 What can we do to stimulate interest where a tract was left at a not-at-home? Return where possible. You could say: "I was by your home [state about when] to leave you a copy of this free tract. In the event you did not receive it, I brought you another." (Hand to householder and proceed with one of the above presentations.)

8 Distribution of tracts has introduced the truth to thousands of people, many of whom will be sharing this tract with others. By sharing as fully as our circumstances permit, thousands more will be helped to learn of Jehovah's great love for mankind.

JUNE SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	678	123.9	100.8	41.1	4.2
Pios.	13,893	80.2	63.4	30.6	3.4
Aux. Pios.	14,918	58.1	45.1	17.8	1.5
Pubs.	487,474	8.4	9.2	3.6	.4
TOTAL	516,963				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,642

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.
—Matt. 22:39.

Our Circuit Assemblies (*Cont'd*)

us in our daily lives as Christians. Have you considered how one could become involved with "Babylon's" bad fruitage in one's secular work? What are some ways our Christian brothers and sisters have avoided "Babylon's" unclean things at their places of employment? And, just what is the basis for all of us to progress in bearing Christian fruitage? We are sure you will enjoy hearing how these and other timely questions will be answered on the new circuit assembly program. Truly it is a faith-strengthening program. Be sure to include it on your schedule of upcoming theocratic activities.

Question Box

● What benefit is there in reporting our field service?

A "good report" is said to have the same uplifting and refreshing effect as cold water on a tired soul. (Prov. 25:25) For example, how encouraging it was for us to read in the July *Our Kingdom Service* that we had an all-time peak of 51,008 auxiliary pioneers in April and that over one million more hours were spent in field service that month than a year ago! Such thrilling reports certainly bring us great joy and refreshment!

An accurate and complete report from us also enables the Society to plan its activities properly, especially in estimating and anticipating the amount of literature we need in our Kingdom-witnessing and disciple-making work. Also, such reports are used to identify places where there may be a greater need, so that assistance can be directed to such areas to further spread the Kingdom good news.—Mark 13:10.

But, what is it that makes possible such encouraging and helpful reports? It is basically the conscientious effort of each Kingdom publisher in turning in reports regularly each month that enables the branch office to compile and publish composite reports for the encouragement of all. So, while it may be a small thing in itself, our reporting regularly can be viewed as one of the things we can personally do to build up and encourage our brothers world wide. Is that not worthy of our concern and effort? Hence, report regularly yourself and also help others to do so. Book study conductors and the service overseer particularly can take the lead in doing this. Such helpful reminders should be given and accepted in the spirit of love. May we have concern for one another with a view to making a good report.—1 Cor. 10:24.

Helping One Another (*Cont'd*)

learning practical things you can apply at the door. You will see the need to be friendly, natural and conversational; how you can use questions to stimulate interest and to determine how the householder is thinking; how to be adaptable; the need to listen to the householder. You will see how the presentation can easily lead into placing the offer and starting a Bible study where possible.

7 You will also learn how to handle indifference, even opposition, at the door. Many will not listen, but we do not get upset. We are looking for sheeplike ones. (John 10:4) Calmly we go to the next door, realizing our work is also a dividing work. We learn confidently to go ahead in Jehovah's strength, knowing it is his work and that he will bless our efforts.

8 Many of us desire assistance so that we can speak effectively to people at the doors. On the other hand, many of us have the experience to give needed assistance. As Paul counseled: "Let each of us please his neighbor in what is good for his upbuilding."—Rom. 15:2.

OUR KINGDOM SERVICE

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Dear Kingdom Publishers:

It was a busy summer for all of us, but a delightful one! The high point was the "Living Hope" conventions. There were 93 of them in the continental United States. Ten of these were in the Spanish language, two in French, one in Chinese, and at some assemblies, sessions were held in Korean, Japanese, Portuguese and Italian. The total peak attendance for all assemblies was 982,585 and there were 8,630 baptized.

The Friday morning field service activity resulted in a good witness to local residents, businessmen, and, in some cases, city and government officials. And how timely the reminders on the program that we conduct ourselves properly in all affairs of life, keep separate from the world, draw close to God, hold fast our hope without wavering, help one another, and keep busy in the witness work. Indeed, during the whole program we were repeatedly encouraged to keep busy in the field, using well all opportunities to spread our living hope.

Then there were those three outstanding releases, the *Commentary on the Letter of James, Choosing the Best Way of Life,* based on First and Second Peter, and the recording of the Bible book of Acts. Have you read the new publications yet? By all means do so before we begin our use of them in the congregation.

For the further training and strengthening of Jehovah's people, arrangements have been made for all circuit and district overseers to meet together in two groups, each for a special two-week period of schooling provided by the Society from September 17 through October 13, 1979. These brothers will be going through the Pioneer Service School course, a Kingdom Ministry School course, and discussing other matters having to do with their regular activities. Rep-

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Zealously Preaching and Making Disciples

¹ Preaching the Kingdom message and making disciples constitute a fine work. So much so, that it is worthy of our whole-souled effort. Have you been giving it zealous support?

² What is zeal? For a Christian, it is an eagerness to pursue what is right, based on love of Jehovah and his requirements. A zealous person is active and ardent, alive with the truth. His zeal is like a fire within him, motivating him. His heart is in the preaching and disciple-making work. He looks for opportunities to preach.

ZEALOUS ONES IN BIBLE TIMES

³ Some Jews in the first century had "zeal for God; but not according to accurate knowledge." (Rom. 10:2) Their zeal was misdirected. We must have zeal based on accurate knowledge to build faith and love for God. If our zeal is diminishing or we are lacking zeal, there are definite things we can do. Jehovah will fire us with zeal if we heighten our appreciation for him, if we regularly attend the meetings, study, pray for his blessing, and make the effort to engage in the preaching and disciple-making work. Doing these things will put us in a position to be like Jeremiah who was zealous in carrying out his commission.—Jer. 20:9.

⁴ Concerning Jesus, it was said: "The zeal for your house will eat me up." (Ps. 69:9; John 2:17) Jesus' example of zeal had a powerful effect on his first-century apostles and disciples, as a reading of the book of Acts will reveal. Observing that the zeal of the Corinthian Christians had a good effect on those of Achaia, Paul declared: "Your zeal has stirred up the majority of them."—2 Cor. 9:2.

⁵ Like the brothers in the Corinthian congregation, many of our brothers today are filled with zeal and this sets a fine example for others. Consider this fine report we received from a congregation of 83 publishers. A total of 51 spent

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Showing We Care About Our Young People

¹ A large percentage of the publishers in the Christian congregation are under 20 years of age. Public indifference, worldly pressures, materialism and sexual immorality are pressures being faced by these young people. What can we do to show that we care about them?

² Many youths who are now in Jehovah's organization have expressed great appreciation for the help that was given to them by different ones in the Christian congregation. An elder displayed interest in a young brother by picking him up to go with him to work on the Kingdom Hall. This young brother remarked years later that "it was the interest and concern of this brother that helped me to have a deep appreciation for Jehovah and his organization."

³ The prime responsibility for training children, of course, rests with the parents. They are responsible for providing and arranging for recreation and other activities of their children. However, all of us can show that we, too, care about our young people. How can we demonstrate our concern?

WHAT CAN OTHERS DO?

⁴ At our "Living Hope" District Conventions this summer there was a drama: "The Need of the Fatherless Boy—Can You Help Him?" That drama gave us some good suggestions of what elders and others can do even in small ways to show their concern for young ones in the Christian congregation.

⁵ Since young people, too, are a part of the Christian congregation, how fine it would be for the elders to include one or two of them among those whom they converse with when at the meetings. Sometimes just saying "hello" or sharing a brief word of encouragement will suffice. But often there is a need for more extended comments, showing genuine interest and understanding. For example, elders might ask about activities at school, problems they may be facing, and then offer constructive suggestions to help them, if this is possible.

⁶ Concern for young people is shown by working with them in the field service on a regular basis. Their help can be enlisted in doing

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 30

12 min: Song 103. Appropriate points from Announcements, including local announcements and high points from Branch Letter, as time permits.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Using Magazines Wisely." Question-and-answer consideration of article. Have one or two publishers who do well in approaching people on the streets and elsewhere demonstrate how they start conversations, what article they feature in the current magazine, and relate an encouraging experience. Inform congregation what the elders' observations are on ordering and using magazines.

23 min: "Zealously Preaching and Making Disciples." Question-and-answer consideration of article.

Demonstration: Have publisher make a presentation. He might say: "You no doubt have prayed for God's kingdom to come and for his will to be done on earth. The Bible in Psalm 72 assures us that God's kingdom will bring relief to the poor. [Read vss. 12 and 13.] There will be deliverance of those threatened with violence. [Read vs. 14.] And there will be no more hunger or sickness. [Read vs. 16.] That's good news, isn't it? [Allow householder to answer.] But many ask, How can we be sure that these things will really happen and that the Bible is right? I believe you will enjoy reading this article [open to specific article] in the current issue of *Awake!* The *Awake!* magazine regularly gives information concerning God's kingdom and how we can be sure that it will bring the relief God has promised." Offer subscription. If subscription is not taken, offer latest copies of *Awake!* and *Watchtower* for 20c.

Chairman explains that when a short presentation is appropriate, publishers may wish to discuss Psalm 72:16. Discuss with audience points that might be used in verse.

7 min: This weekend show your zeal for fine works by adjusting your affairs to share with the congregation in special house-to-house activity arranged for Sunday. All are encouraged to share. Song 66 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 7

12 min: Song 37. Announcements and accounts report.

20 min: "Helping One Another (Part IV): To Start Bible Studies." Service overseer and two study conductors discuss article. Give audience opportunity to ask them questions at end of their discussion. Make warm appeal to publishers to avail themselves of the provision to get help in disciple-making.

15 min: "Jehovah, a Dependable Refuge." (*w79* 2/15 pp. 27, 28) Elder gives setting of Psalm 11. He then gives a verse-by-verse discussion of Psalm 11 with local application.

13 min: Experiences from witnessing on first Sunday of month. Discuss which articles appealed most to people in the territory. If it is known how many supported service that day, this could be a source of encouragement to congregation. Encourage all to follow up interest with goal of establishing studies. Song 44 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 14

8 min: Song 41. Local announcements and Theocratic News.

17 min: Loving Help Available. Discussion by elder. Modern-day elders are much like Paul, who had many activities and matters occupying his time. (2 Cor. 11:28, 29) Yet, how did he feel about his weighty load in behalf of his brothers? (1 Tim. 1:12) Elders today feel the same and are grateful for the privilege of helping all spiritually. While accomplishments, at times, may not be as much as desired, there is the same determination that Paul expressed in spite of pressures. —2 Cor. 4:7, 8, 16.

What can we do mutually, elders and congregation, to increase benefits from shepherding? (Some may wish to share experiences on how they have been helped.)

Likewise, have some elders give suggestions on what they have found helpful to accomplish shepherding either in homes, at meetings or in field service. Conclude with encouragement that as elders continue shepherding work, we can all work together in the same spirit manifested by the Corinthian congregation during the relief effort for the needy in Judea.—2 Cor. 8:8-12.

30 min: When Jehovah Speaks, Listen! To be handled by an elder.

(5 min.) Talk by chairman. What does it mean to listen when Jehovah speaks? It means to obey the things that God has written in his Word. —Acts 20:31, 32.

(25 min.) Discussion based on Acts 20:17-28. Read verses and then ask the questions. (1) Read vss. 17-19. How did Paul show his concern for the brothers? (2) Read vs. 20. What did Paul mean when he said "from house to house"? (3) Is it applicable to us today? (Matt. 24:14; Mark 13:10; 1 Cor. 9:16; see *w79* 7/15 p. 18, pars. 16-18.) (4) Read vs. 24. How can we copy Paul's example? (5) Read vss. 25-27. In what way can we be free from being bloodguilty? (6) Read vs. 28. What can elders do to help us to continue to listen to Jehovah?

5 min: Song 10 and prayer. Bring April 1, 1979, *Watchtower* next week.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 21

THEME: "Showing We Care About Our Young People."

8 min: Song 73 and local announcements.

15 min: Question-and-answer discussion of article "Showing We Care About Our Young People."

12 min: How to Do It! To be handled by an elder who has a good rapport with young people. Have a discussion showing an elder visiting with a young brother right after weekly Theocratic School and service meeting. Elder discusses with young brother his Bible reading for that week. He encourages him to continue to make fine progress. During the conversation he asks about his school studies and activities and if there are any particular problems in school. Elder takes the time to share practical suggestions and to encourage the brother. He leaves by making arrangements to work with him in field service that weekend.

18 min: "Youths—Are You on the Road to Real Success?" Enthusiastic talk based on April 1, 1979, *Watchtower*, pages 9-12. Have youths read paragraphs under subheading "Sowing with a View to the Spirit."

7 min: Song 39 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 28

5 min: Song 31 and general announcements.

23 min: Hold Fast Your Hope Without Wavering. Talk to be handled by an elder. Please cover the following points: Hope is indispensable to Christians. (Rom. 15:13) Enables Christians to endure with rejoicing, no matter what conditions may be. (Rom. 12:12) Hope closely allied with love. (1 Cor. 3:10-15) We never want to lose tight grip on hope. Right foundation needed. Some, however, have become weak, lacking fire-resistant qualities. Some have allowed their worship, including field service, to become routine, not motivated by deep love of neighbor and Jehovah. (Matt. 22:39) Weakened ones have allowed ideas and qualities to be built into them that are like burnable materials. Some do not have a strong relationship with Jehovah. Endurance results in divine approval. (1 Cor. 15:58) There is a need for our faith to be tested. (Jas. 1:2-4) Urgent need for all of us to go on bearing fruit, increasing in accurate knowledge, being made powerful in order to endure.—Col. 1: 10, 11.

12 min: Discuss and demonstrate offer for November. Offer *Holy Spirit, Great Teacher,* and *This Life.* Use Psalm 72:12-14, 16.

15 min: How Can We Use What We Have Learned? Review highlights in October *Our Kingdom Service.* The elder handling this part should have brothers and sisters prepared in advance to make meaningful comments. In addition, ask the following questions: How have you benefited from the suggestion to zealously preach and make disciples? How can we show that we care about our young people? If you need help in starting a Bible study, what is available?

5 min: Encourage all to participate in the special Sunday activity this weekend. Song 107 and prayer.

Our Young People *(Cont'd)*

work necessary to maintain the Kingdom Hall. Yes, there are many things elders and ministerial servants can do that will show young people that they truly care about them. The same is true of all of us.

7 In most congregations there are young men and women who are doing quite well, progressing nicely, and are in a fine position to assist other young people in the congregation. Would you be willing to help others? Perhaps you could invite them to accompany you in field service or share with you in other activities.

WHAT CAN YOUNG PEOPLE DO?

8 Young people, we want to help you! To do this we need *your* help. There is a need for good communication. Be frank with those who are in a position to help you.

9 Parents, elders, all in the congregation, our young people need our help! Let us help them to become approved servants of Jehovah by showing we care about them.—Eccl. 12:1.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for October: *Awake!* subscription with either the *Man's Salvation, Know Jehovah,* or *Paradise—Theocracy* book for $2.50. These books may be ordered from Brooklyn. November: Three pocket-size books: *Holy Spirit, Great Teacher* and *This Life* for $1.00. December: *New World Translation* and *Choosing the Best Way of Life* for $2.50. January: *Watchtower* subscription with a book given free to subscribers.

  Congregations may request 45c credit for books given free to subscribers during October. These books will be replaced free of charge to the publishers when handing in subscriptions. On the Remittance and Credit Request form, a line under "Other Items" can show the total number of free books given to subscribers during October.

  Books used in the November offer may be obtained by the publishers for 30c each and at the regular rate by pioneers. Congregations may request 15c credit for each of these books. The same procedure for requesting credit should be followed as was done in October.

- New Publications Available:

  Is This Life All There Is? —Hindi, Kiluba

  My Book of Bible Stories —Danish, Dutch, Hiri Motu, Italian, Norwegian

  Our Incoming World Government—God's Kingdom —French

  Unseen Spirits—Do They Help Us? Or Do They Harm Us? —French

  Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century —Chinese, Dutch, German, Japanese, Portuguese

- When ordering the *1980 Yearbook,* publishers and pioneers are requested to do so through the congregation. Orders for the *Yearbook* in the following languages may be placed after the dates here listed: November 15: English; December 15: French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish; February 1, 1980: Dutch, German, Korean. PAYMENT SHOULD NOT ACCOMPANY ORDERS. Congregation literature accounts will be charged at the rate of 50 cents per copy. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1979, may receive a free copy for which the congregation may request credit. Pioneers may obtain additional copies at 15 cents each.

- Correction: The offer for October is *Awake!* subscription for one year for $2.50 with *Man's Salvation, Know Jehovah,* or *Paradise—Theocracy* as a free gift. (Not *Paradise Lost* as was mentioned in the September *Our Kingdom Service.*)

Branch Letter (*Cont'd*)

resentatives from Brooklyn Bethel will be present at each school. Arrangements are also being made for all the elders in the United States to attend a refresher class of the Kingdom Ministry School course later this fall.

Jehovah continues to provide for us all in marvelous ways. We appreciate what he is doing and we know that you do too. With you we are glad to show our appreciation for all of his goodness by occupying ourselves fully with works of faith to his praise.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Helping One Another (Part IV):
To Start Bible Studies

1 Teaching others about Jehovah and his purposes is an expression of our love for him and for those whom we teach. Whether we are young or old, new disciples or experienced ones, we should be joyfully teaching others what we learn. Yet, at times some are heard to say: "I wish I could start a study," or "I don't know what my problem is. I can find interested persons but I can't seem to develop a study." Have you talked with someone either in service or informally that you feel would respond to further discussion of the Bible so as to know Jehovah? If you do not feel able to follow through on the interest, how can you receive help? On the other hand, you may not have any calls to make. If you desire to have a study, how can you receive help?

2 First, in your congregation book study group there may be someone who can help you to start studies. Your initial step may be to speak to the study conductor, who, with other conductors, now oversees the Bible study work. He may be able to help you personally. But to provide assistance for a period of time, he will likely ask someone with experience to assist you. The two of you will want to prepare together for making the return visit with the goal of starting a study. You can decide on the approach. Will you go right into the book, demonstrating the home Bible study arrangement? Or, do you see the further need to discuss points right from the Bible?

3 Whether you use the publication directly or just use the Bible, you and your partner can review how to assist the interested person to locate scriptures in his own copy of the Bible. It may be that you will decide that your service companion will handle the call and that you will do the assisting. On the other hand, after you have prepared together, you may want to handle the call and ask your partner to give you his observations on how things were handled.

4 While your goal is to start a study, use your judgment on how long to stay or how much material to cover. Observe the person's interest. Generally it is best to allow him to absorb what is discussed and return later to discuss other scriptures or further paragraphs.

5 For following visits, prepare together which scriptures or paragraphs you will discuss with the person. If you decide to have your companion conduct the study for several times, plan together on ways that you can share. You might read and help the householder understand selected key scriptures. When you conduct the study with the householder, your partner can give helpful suggestions, such as when it is appropriate to ask auxiliary questions, how to keep the study lively, whet the appetite for the next study, and direct interest to the organization, and so forth.

6 By helping one another through the congregation book study arrangement, it may be that you, too, can enjoy the pleasure of conducting a regular Bible study.

Zealously Preaching . . . (*Cont'd*)

a monthly average of 12 hours in the service; another 28 served as auxiliary pioneers, spending almost 56 hours on the average in the service, and four are serving as regular pioneers. The congregation as a whole made 845 return visits, conducted 68 Bible studies and placed over 1,600 pieces of literature. A month of zealous activity like that is encouraging to all of us, isn't it?

WAYS ZEAL CAN BE SHOWN

6 Zeal will motivate us to look for and to take every opportunity to preach the good news. In addition to sharing regularly with the congregation in group witnessing, we will be alert to witness informally, showing that we are alive with the truth. You may want to take literature with you to work, when you go shopping, or when you visit the doctor. Many fine experiences are enjoyed by zealous publishers who do so. And your zeal will motivate you to keep a record of the interest shown and regularly call back on interested ones in an effort to start Bible studies. Another way we can demonstrate our zeal is by encouraging irregular and inactive ones to join us in the field service. Having a schedule of service can also be an indication of zeal. Zeal is contagious.

7 This month we will have many occasions to demonstrate our zeal for Jehovah by our preaching and disciple-making work. May we continue to be a "people peculiarly his own, zealous for fine works." —Titus 2:14.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Using Magazines Wisely

1 Many are the Scriptural truths we have learned or had clarified for us by information published in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* Do you find that you both anticipate and treasure each issue of the magazines? They contain information that helps us to be better Christians. We can heartily recommend them to others.

USE THEM WELL

2 Many brothers and sisters set aside a day each week specifically to offer *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* from house to house and in public places. When doing house-to-house magazine witnessing, more can be accomplished if we arrange to call when the majority of people are at home. Street witnessing is another avenue that we can use. This can be done by approaching persons who are on the streets near shopping areas, waiting for public transportation, sitting in parks, and so forth. When doing so, show them an appealing article as you offer them the magazines. Some publishers have been observed simply standing or walking on the streets displaying the magazines but seldom speaking to those who pass. While there are some good results at times from doing street work this way, this may give the impression that we are just being impassive magazine vendors.

3 The offer can be made simply by greeting a person and asking if he or she would like to read a particular article featured in the magazine. If there is interest, it may be that the conversation can be carried further. Many of our brothers and sisters are getting good results from such an approach and are encouraged by the fact that they are successfully talking to so many people. If you have an opportunity to use the Bible, do so.

YOUR ORDER

4 Are you using all the magazines you obtain? Can you improve your efforts in distributing them? Please review your weekly order and determine how many magazines you can distribute. We hope you can place all your magazines each week, or perhaps more, as you look for opportunities to place them. But be realistic. Adjust your order with the congregation so that you will not have too many or too few. If large amounts of magazines are accumulating at the Kingdom Hall, the body of elders should decide how to encourage more magazine work and if it is best to adjust the order of the congregation with the Society. Paper and postage are expensive, and much labor goes into getting magazines to the congregations. All of us want to use the magazines wisely.

5 Many of us have been leaving older issues at not-at-homes. This can continue to be done. However, if the congregation is experiencing problems because older issues frequently are left when people are not at home, we suggest that the local body of elders review the matter and make suggestions to the congregation that they feel will be most appropriate for the territory and in the best interest of the work.

6 What can you do so that you will use your magazines effectively? (1) Endeavor to work with the magazines when more people are at home. (2) When working on the street, approach individuals, endeavoring to engage them in conversations when presenting the magazines. (3) If necessary, adjust your order so you will receive the number you can use effectively. May Jehovah bless your endeavors to make wise use of these two valuable publications.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Kingdom Blessings Near.—Ps. 72: 12-14, 16.

1. Jehovah will deliver oppressed souls.
2. God's kingdom will bring an end to violence, oppression and hunger.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Is This Life All There Is?:*

October 7: Pages 110 to 117*
October 14: Pages 117 to 124
October 21: Pages 125 to 133*
October 28: Pages 133 to 139*

* To subheading or chapter heading.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	722	113.2	104.9	36.8	3.8
Pios.	14,442	75.8	66.8	29.9	3.2
Aux. Pios.	12,191	59.5	51.8	18.5	1.5
Pubs.	497,616	8.3	9.6	3.5	.4
TOTAL	524,971				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,544

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Nicaragua: The brothers are in good spirits and are resuming their meetings and their preaching and teaching work. Throughout the period of violence, only three of our brothers lost their lives. Many were rendered homeless, but since they were for the most part tenants, the major loss was in the looting and destruction of their possessions. As to transportation, there is very little. Most buses are destroyed, roads are only now being repaired, and gasoline is very scarce. However, things are quickly being restored to order under the new government. Missionaries are returning to their assignments in the country after being away for a short time. And, happily, adequate arrangements are now being made to supply the urgent needs of the brothers.

◆ New peaks of publishers in June: Italy had 77,774 sharing in the preaching work. Spain reached 40,485 publishers; Zaïre, 20,365 and Japan, 49,879. Japan thus had an average of six regular and seven auxiliary pioneers for each congregation.

Meetings for Field Service

OCTOBER 1-7

Using the Topic for Conversation

1. How will you use the new topic for conversation? (Ps. 72:12-14, 16)
2. How will you lead into the subscription offer?

OCTOBER 8-14

Use the Special Issues Effectively

1. What talking points from the special issues have you found effective?
2. What are some effective ways of using the magazines?

OCTOBER 15-21

The Value of House-to-House Records

1. Why is it of value to keep house-to-house records on all interested people?
2. What notations should we make on our house-to-house records?

OCTOBER 22-28

Use Older Issues Wisely

1. When should we leave an old issue of the magazines?
2. Why should we avoid leaving magazines in parked cars, mailboxes, or exposed under the doors?

Frank.

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Meetings for Field Service

OCTOBER 29–NOVEMBER 4
Making Smooth Transitions

1. What do you say to connect Topic for Conversation with the book you are going to feature?
2. What do you direct attention to in the book being featured, tying points in with the Topic for Conversation?
3. What are some stories in the "Great Teacher" book that you use to show its value to families? (Examples)

NOVEMBER 5-11
Working with Others in the Field

1. If you are giving the presentation, how do you plan to include your companion in the conversation?
2. What upbuilding things can we talk about as we walk together between homes?

NOVEMBER 12-18
Being Versatile in Service

1. What situations have you encountered in the territory that called for you to be versatile?
2. How can we be prepared to be versatile in providing householders with the literature that meets their needs?

NOVEMBER 19-25
Working with Those Desiring Assistance

1. Why is it beneficial for adults to work with youths? And for publishers to work with those needing help?
2. How can parents involve their

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Encouraging One Another to Be Strong in Faith

1 How strong is your faith? Can you see evidence that your faith is growing? (2 Thess. 1:3) Has it been your joy to observe others in the congregation growing strong in faith? Can you help toward strengthening the faith of some? Faith is essential to pleasing God. Indeed, none of us will be able to stand up under pressure and qualify for life everlasting unless we remain strong in faith.—Heb. 10:38, 39.

2 The basis for strong faith is accurate knowledge. (Rom. 10:17) All of us need, then, to have good study habits. Time needs to be "bought" from other activities and interests to meditate on what we read and hear. (Eph. 5:15, 16) If we get the sense of the truth, it will help us to be strong in faith.—Col. 2:7.

STRENGTHENING OTHERS

3 If we are strong in faith, this will put us in the best position to strengthen others. Take a personal interest in as many as possible in the congregation. (Phil. 2:4) Get to know them by name. Imitate Jesus in this regard. (John 10:3, 4) Without prying into their private lives, we do learn much about our brothers and their needs when visiting them in their homes, while associating at the Kingdom Hall, as well as while working with them in the field service.—John 10:3, 14.

4 We do not want to neglect any. It is easy to overlook the elderly, the sick, the young. Avoid the pitfall of being negative about and critical of the lax, the weak and those who complain. They are all our brothers. We have an obligation to help one another, don't we?—Gal. 6:10.

5 An elder returned to an area where he had served previously. He asked about one of the faithful older ones who was serving vigorously when he was with the congregation some years before. Most had never met him since he had been confined to bed for some time. How encouraged this dear brother was when he received a visit from his concerned friend

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Youths—Are You Involved?

1 In connection with anything good, which do you prefer, being a spectator or a participant? You know that being involved in wholesome and exciting activities is much better than watching from the sidelines. Remember the fun and good exercise you had learning to play various games? As you increased your skill and ability, you increased your satisfaction and joy. Do you appreciate that your involvement in various congregational activities can bring you even greater joy and benefits?

2 Youths, you can help the congregation, and be helped by the congregation, if you become involved. One brother who in his preteens had involved himself in congregational activities was asked by a youth how he became a district overseer. After mentioning his home training and participation in congregational activities, he said: "At age 12 I was given my first assigned responsibility. Since then I have 'always had plenty to do in the work of Jehovah.'"—1 Cor. 15:58.

WHY BE INVOLVED

3 Jehovah God wants youths to be involved in true worship. He purposed a place for young ones in his service. (Ps. 110:3; Matt. 19:14; 21:16) Youths, when you involve yourselves zealously in congregational activities, you share in the sanctification of Jehovah's name, and your sincere example of faith incites others to glorify Jehovah God. Although there are many activities in life in which youths may be involved, serving Jehovah, the Universal Sovereign, surpasses them all. 'So remove vexation from your heart, and ward off calamity from your flesh. Remember your Grand Creator in the days of your youth.'—Eccl. 11:9-11; 12:1; 1 Tim. 4:8.

4 Keep in mind that the novice who just learned to play the game cannot expect to be captain of the team; likewise, you youths must first become involved in basic Christian activities before you can properly expect to be given greater responsibility. (Luke 16:10) First, like the boy Jesus, go "on progressing in wisdom and in physical growth and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:51, 52) Learn to read well. Apply yourself to your school studies in addition to concentrating your faculties on keeping up with your family and congregational studies. Make your

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 4

8 min: Song 17 and local announcements.

20 min: "Encouraging One Another to Be Strong in Faith." Discussion of main article. Include audience by asking questions on highlights, putting main emphasis on Scriptures. Have several prepared to relate how they were encouraged by fellow worshipers, or have someone tell the results from efforts to help others in the congregation.

20 min: "Helping One Another (Part V): To Make Advancement." Service overseer discusses article with audience. Have some publishers who have been assisted since this series began in July briefly relate the advancement they have noted in themselves in recent months. The service overseer should also commend the brothers for the efforts they have been putting forth in supporting this program to help others in the congregation. He can set before them further goals that they can concentrate on as they assist one another.

12 min: Service announcements. Invite audience to give experiences or comments on interest found on the first Sunday of each month when the special effort was made by the congregation in the house-to-house work. Song 16 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 11

8 min: Song 55 and local announcements. Also give accounts report.

20 min: "What Sort of Persons Ought You to Be?" Talk on this theme with some audience participation. (Information taken from Saturday morning program, "Living Hope" District Convention, based on 2 Peter 3:11.)

"HOLY ACTS OF CONDUCT": Accurate knowledge and faith needed to be 'holy in conduct.' (1 Pet. 2:2, 3) Not a matter of personal choice but a command. (1 Pet. 1:15, 16) What is "loose conduct"? (Licentious, wanton, vulgar, shameless conduct. See *w73* 9/15 p. 574.) What could be its effect on the congregation? (2 Pet. 2:1-3) One who practices such is worse off than before learning truth. Also stumbles others. (2 Pet. 2:17-22) Cannot excuse by saying: "It's up to your conscience," or "Others are doing it." Some things clearly wrong. Must avoid.—1 Pet. 2:16.

"DEEDS OF GODLY DEVOTION": One with godly devotion will revere what is holy, appreciate sacred things. Jesus was first human to develop godly devotion fully since Adam lost it in Eden. (1 Tim. 3:16) Godly devotion urgent now since system soon to end. (2 Pet. 3:12) Keep Jehovah's day "close in mind" by our attitude, speech and preaching activity. Godly devotion not passive but active. Shown by one's fully accomplishing ministry. Remember, benefits will come now and in future. (1 Tim. 4:8; Titus 2:11-13) Conclude by stressing need for all to make personal application.

25 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Being Versatile." Chairman has capable young brother read paragraphs from seat in audience. Draws audience out with pertinent questions. Demonstrate from platform someone using current Topic for Conversation. Householder has death in family, or raises objection. Publisher continues with planned presentation. Chairman interrupts, asks audience if this could have been handled differently. Presentation repeated from point where objection was raised. This time publisher answers objection and concludes with either placing offer or arranging to come again. A couple of objections or circumstances encountered locally that would prompt an adapting of the presentation could be discussed. Ask for an experience or two illustrating how planned presentation was adjusted or other literature was offered to fit needs of householder. Urge the brothers to be prepared to make adjustments according to the circumstances encountered.

7 min: Service announcements. Build up enthusiasm for support of special activity on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. Song 11 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 18

THEME: "Youths—Are You Involved?"

8 min: Song 8 and local announcements.

30 min: "Youths—Are You Involved?"

(15 min.) Question-and-answer coverage of article on page 1. Have youths in audience read paragraphs. Make local application of points.

(10 min.) Enthusiastic discussion by chairman and two youths, perhaps a boy and a girl, giving reasons (especially spiritual ones) *why* youths should be involved in congregation activities. Both youths should speak from their hearts. The elder should be encouraging and positive, reflecting proper Scriptural understanding of the attitude adults should have toward youths.

(5 min.) Talk by chairman. Encourage youths and parents to regard sacred service above secular pursuits. Godly devotion along with self-sufficiency should be our aim. Careers in full-time service are to be highly esteemed. Youths can be and should be prepared for future privileges in Jehovah's service, as well as for success in family life, if they take advantage of congregational provisions. Encourage auxiliary pioneering during school holiday.

15 min: Interviews and congregation discussion featuring *how* youths can be involved in congregation activities. Prepare interviews with local youths who are diligently participating in the congregation activities. Ask about their immediate and long-range goals in Jehovah's service. Discuss with youths in audience some things they can do in congregation and in their own families to display spiritual progress.

7 min: Service arrangements, including encouragement for adults to work with young people this weekend. Song 7 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 25

10 min: Song 111 and local announcements.

20 min: Review highlights in the November *Our Kingdom Service.* The elder handling this part should have brothers and sisters prepared in advance to make meaningful comments. In addition to asking for general comments on how they can use what they received in *Our Kingdom Service* for November, he can get comments on the following questions: (1) How will you use suggestions about helping pioneers, youths and elderly ones as you plan your field service activity? (See article on page 7.) (2) When we associate together, how could the suggestions on "Encouraging One Another to Be Strong in Faith" affect our conversations? (3) Which of the suggestions found in our Meetings for Field Service have worked effectively for you? (4) In what way have you been able to use the suggestions on being versatile in field service? (See "Presenting the Good News" article.)

20 min: Topic for Conversation and offer for December. Encourage all to be prepared as they go into field service during December. The offer will be the *New World Translation* and an older 50-cent book in stock. Have a publisher demonstrate the Topic for Conversation and the offer. Then have the audience give further suggestions on features of the *New World Translation* and portions of the book that they feel would appeal to householders. For example, you could ask: "How can we show that we believe God's promises are sure and near to being realized?" Service overseer can inform publishers as to books available locally and suggest appropriate points that may be featured.

10 min: Service announcements. Build up enthusiasm for house-to-house work on the first Sunday in December. Briefly cover highlights in article "Public Talks for January." Song 112 and prayer.

Encouraging One Another (*Cont'd*)

who remembered his faithful work. Do you visit the older ones in your congregation who are confined to bed, and so forth? No doubt if some were aware of such situations, even as in the case mentioned here, they would respond positively. Many times it does not take much time. A phone call could do it. A short visit and discussion on some clarification of a scripture in *The Watchtower,* or an experience we had or heard, can go a long way with some.

ALL CAN HAVE A PART

6 If you note that some are slackening their hand, try to help in a kindly way. Although the elders have the primary responsibility, the counsel to build one another up was directed to all Christians.—1 Thess. 5:11.

7 What are some ways you can help? Are there some in the congregation whom you can include in your family study? One older couple make it a point to invite youthful visitors to share with them in whatever they are doing. They might be preparing for the *Watchtower* study or the Theocratic School. They may just be catching up on some reading. Many are truly refreshed by stimulating, informal Scriptural discussions. Also, recreation together can prove to be faith-building if done in an appropriate manner.

8 Work hard to be strong in faith. This will enable you to strengthen your family and others. 'Share your faith.' (Philem. 5, 6) Encourage others to do likewise. Our lives depend on it.

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THEOCRATIC SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1980

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1980 the following will be the arrangement when conducting the Theocratic School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, The Watchtower* [*w*], *Awake!* [*g*], *Bible Topics for Discussion* [*td*], and the books *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* [*si*], *Commentary on the Letter of James* [*cj*] and *My Book of Bible Stories* [*my*] will be the basis for assignments.

The school will begin with song and prayer and remarks of welcome, and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 20 minutes. This should be handled by an elder if possible, or, when necessary, by a qualified ministerial servant. When based on the *Commentary on the Letter of James* this should be a question-and-answer discussion, using the questions provided at the end of each chapter and the cited scriptures as time permits. A brother who reads well may be assigned in advance to read the paragraphs. The objective should be not only to aid understanding, but to focus attention on *how* the material can be *applied* to the specific needs of the congregation. All will need to make careful advance preparation to benefit fully from this discussion. If there are any points for improvement that the school overseer has in mind in connection with this assignment, he can discuss this after the meeting with the one who has handled this part.

When based on *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* this assignment should be delivered as an instruction talk, with a specific theme. Once again the objective is not just to summarize the material, but rather to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation. There will be no oral review of the instruction talk.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer, or another qualified elder assigned by him. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. To the extent possible include the audience in the discussion. Any highlights from the chapter on which the No. 2 talk is based could be discussed after that talk has been given. Following this, the students will be dismissed to their various classrooms.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the student to present brief explanatory information in his opening and concluding remarks, and even at intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should actually be read. The material may be presented as a talk to the congregation, or a boy may read it to his father or to another qualified older brother who may then use questions to draw comments from the boy on the value of the material.

TALKS NOS. 3 and 4: 5 minutes each. These talks will be assigned to sisters whenever possible. When delivering one of the talks, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. Settings could include situations arising at home, in the field service, in the congregation or elsewhere. The sister giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration.

TALK NO. 5: 5 minutes. Assigned preferably to a brother with some experience. This should be a talk to the entire audience. While giving his talk from notes, the speaker, when he thinks it fitting, may read quotations or pointed excerpts from the assigned material. It will usually be best for the speaker to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind, so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable setting, the speaker may choose to develop his talk accordingly.

REMARKS: After each student talk (Nos. 2 through 5), the school overseer will have two minutes to highlight informative and practical points that the students may not have included in their presentations. These remarks should be meaningful, emphasizing points that will be helpful to the brothers in their homelife, at school, on the job, within the congregation or while out in the field service. Occasionally, questions can be put to the audience on points in the assigned material that can be applied.

COUNSEL: This will always be given privately after the meeting, and should not be neglected. (See Question Box, *Our Kingdom Service* May 1978.) More than two minutes may be used as advisable.

PREPARING TALKS: Where the material makes it possible, talks should follow a well-developed theme. Choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material in the allotted time. Prepare all talks with the points in mind to be considered next on the Speech Counsel slip.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the remarks by the school overseer. Talks Nos. 2 through 5 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. If the school overseer assigns someone to give the "stop signal," that one should be advised as to the importance of doing this whenever a talk goes overtime. If a brother handling assignment No. 1 goes overtime, he should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully.

WRITTEN REVIEWS: Periodically, a written review will be given. In preparation, review principally the material in *cj*, *si* and *my* and complete the scheduled Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during this thirty-minute review. The balance of the hour will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper and, in reading off all the answers, the school overseer will concentrate on the more difficult questions, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than what is shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 75 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Rotate the students to the various halls. Where it is necessary, sisters may take any student talk, presenting it to someone else, as outlined for Talks Nos. 3 and 4.

ABSENTEES: The entire congregation can show appreciation for this school by being present, when possible, at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well, and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or, the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 6 Bible reading: Psalms 104 to 106

No. 1: *cj* p. 5 ¶1 to p. 7 ¶2

No. 2: Psalms 104:1-5, 29-35; 105:1-4

No. 3: *my* story 1

No. 4: *td* 1B "Is It Scripturally Proper to Honor Men?"

No. 5: *w78* 7/15 pp. 3, 4

Jan. 13 Bible reading: Psalms 107 to 112

No. 1: *cj* p. 8 ¶1 to p. 10 ¶3

No. 2: Psalms 110:1-7; 111:1-10

No. 3: *my* story 2

No. 4: *td* 3A "Is Baptism a Christian Requirement?"

No. 5: *w78* 8/1 pp. 3-5

Jan. 20 Bible reading: Psalms 113 to 118
No. 1: *cj* p. 11 ¶1 to p. 12 ¶2
No. 2: Psalm 116:1-19
No. 3: *my* story 3
No. 4: *td* 4B "Is Help Needed to Understand the Bible?"
No. 5: *w78* 8/1 pp. 30, 31

Jan. 27 Bible reading: Psalm 119
No. 1: *cj* p. 13 ¶1 to p. 15 ¶1
No. 2: Psalm 119:9-16, 97-105
No. 3: *my* story 4
No. 4: *td* 6D "How Long Was Jesus' Earthly Ministry?"
No. 5: *w78* 8/15 pp. 3, 4

Feb. 3 Bible reading: Psalms 120 to 134
No. 1: *cj* p. 15 ¶2 to p. 17 ¶2
No. 2: Psalms 120:1-7; 127:1-5
No. 3: *my* story 5
No. 4: *td* 7A "What Is the True Church and Its Foundation?"
No. 5: *g78* 6/8 pp. 27, 28

Feb. 10 Bible reading: Psalms 135 to 142
No. 1: *cj* p. 18 ¶1 to p. 21 ¶1
No. 2: Psalm 139:1-18
No. 3: *my* story 6
No. 4: *td* 9A "Does True Science Agree with the Bible?"
No. 5: *g78* 6/22 pp. 27, 28

Feb. 17 Bible reading: Psalms 143 to 150
No. 1: *cj* p. 21 ¶2 to p. 23 ¶2
No. 2: Psalms 146:1-10; 150:1-6
No. 3: *my* story 7
No. 4: *td* 11A "Why Do All Men Die?"
No. 5: *g78* 7/8 pp. 27, 28

Feb. 24 Written Review. Complete Psalms 104 to 150

Mar. 2 Bible reading: Proverbs 1 to 5
No. 1: *si* p. 106 ¶1 to p. 111 ¶38. "Proverbs."
No. 2: Proverbs 3:1-18
No. 3: *my* story 8
No. 4: *td* 14B "Who Is the Devil?"
No. 5: *w78* 9/15 pp. 3-5

Mar. 9 Bible reading: Proverbs 6 to 10
No. 1: *cj* p. 24 ¶1 to p. 26 ¶1
No. 2: Proverbs 8:12-31
No. 3: *my* story 9
No. 4: *td* 15C "What Is Required to Receive Divine Forgiveness?"
No. 5: *w78* 10/1 pp. 3-5

Mar. 16 Bible reading: Proverbs 11 to 14
No. 1: *cj* p. 26 ¶2 to p. 28 ¶2
No. 2: Proverbs 14:20-35
No. 3: *my* story 10
No. 4: *td* 17A "What Is God's Purpose for the Earth?"
No. 5: *w78* 10/1 pp. 5-8

Mar. 23 Bible reading: Proverbs 15 to 19
No. 1: *cj* p. 28 ¶3 to p. 30 ¶1
No. 2: Proverbs 15:1-19
No. 3: *my* story 11
No. 4: *td* 20A "What Is the Christian's Relation to Worldly Authorities?"
No. 5: *w78* 10/15 pp. 4-6

Mar. 30 Bible reading: Proverbs 20 to 23
No. 1: *cj* p. 30 ¶2 to p. 33 ¶2
No. 2: Proverbs 20:1; 23:20-35
No. 3: *my* story 12
No. 4: *td* 21A "What Constitutes Good Works?"
No. 5: *g78* 7/22 pp. 27, 28

Apr. 6 Bible reading: Proverbs 24 to 27
No. 1: *cj* p. 34 ¶1 to p. 36 ¶1
No. 2: Proverbs 26:1-19
No. 3: *my* story 13
No. 4: *td* 22B "How Do We Know that God's Kingdom Will Bring Permanent Physical Cures?"
No. 5: *g78* 8/8 pp. 27, 28

Apr. 13 Bible reading: Proverbs 28 to 31
No. 1: *cj* p. 36 ¶2 to p. 38 ¶1
No. 2: Proverbs 31:10-31
No. 3: *my* story 14
No. 4: *td* 23C "What Are the Requirements for Heavenly Life?"
No. 5: *g78* 8/22 pp. 27, 28

Apr. 20 Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 1 to 4
No. 1: *si* p. 111 ¶1 to p. 114 ¶19. "Ecclesiastes."
No. 2: Ecclesiastes 3:16-22; 4:4-10
No. 3: *my* story 15
No. 4: *td* 24A "Is There Hope for Those in Hell?"
No. 5: *g78* 9/8 pp. 3-5

Apr. 27 Written Review. Complete Proverbs 1 to Ecclesiastes 4

May 4 Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 5 to 8
No. 1: *cj* p. 38 ¶2 to p. 40 ¶2
No. 2: Ecclesiastes 7:1-18
No. 3: *my* story 16
No. 4: *td* 26B "How Does God View Image Worship?"
No. 5: *w78* 11/15 pp. 13-15

May 11 Bible reading: Ecclesiastes 9 to 12
No. 1: *cj* p. 41 ¶1 to p. 42 ¶1
No. 2: Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
No. 3: *my* story 17
No. 4: *td* 28A "How Is the Bible to Be Interpreted?"
No. 5: *w78* 12/1 pp. 3, 4

May 18 Bible reading: Song of Solomon 1 to 4
No. 1: *si* p. 115 ¶1 to p. 117 ¶18. "Song of Solomon."
No. 2: Song of Solomon 2:1-17
No. 3: *my* story 18
No. 4: *td* 29A "How Important Is God's Personal Name?"
No. 5: *w78* 12/15 pp. 9-11

May 25 Bible reading: Song of Solomon 5 to 8
No. 1: *cj* p. 43 ¶1 to p. 45 ¶1
No. 2: Song of Solomon 8:1-14
No. 3: *my* story 19
No. 4: *td* 30B "Are Christians to Be Christ's Witnesses or Jehovah's Witnesses?"
No. 5: *w79* 1/1 pp. 5-8

June 1 Bible reading: Isaiah 1 to 4
No. 1: *si* p. 118 ¶1 to p. 123 ¶39, "Isaiah."
No. 2: Isaiah 2:1-17
No. 3: *my* story 20
No. 4: *td* 31C "Who Is Jehovah's Greatest Prophet?"
No. 5: *g78* 9/8 pp. 27, 28

June 8 Bible reading: Isaiah 5 to 8
No. 1: *cj* p. 45 ¶2 to p. 47 ¶1
No. 2: Isaiah 6:1-13
No. 3: *my* story 21
No. 4: *td* 33E "Is the Kingdom of God 'in the Hearts' of Men?"
No. 5: *g78* 9/22 pp. 27, 28

June 15 Bible reading: Isaiah 9 to 13
No. 1: *cj* p. 47 ¶2 to p. 49 ¶1
No. 2: Isaiah 11:1-12
No. 3: *my* story 22
No. 4: *td* 34C "Why Do You Say We Are Living in the 'Last Days'?"
No. 5: *g78* 11/8 pp. 27, 28

June 22 Bible reading: Isaiah 14 to 18
No. 1: *cj* p. 58 ¶1 to p. 59 ¶3
No. 2: Isaiah 14:4-20
No. 3: *my* story 23
No. 4: *td* 35B "Are Christians Required to Keep the Ten Commandments?"
No. 5: *g78* 11/22 pp. 27, 28

June 29 Written Review. Complete Ecclesiastes 5 to Isaiah 18

July 6 Bible reading: Isaiah 19 to 23
No. 1: *cj* p. 60 ¶1 to p. 63 ¶1
No. 2: Isaiah 21:1-12
No. 3: *my* story 24
No. 4: *td* 36A "Life—God's Gift for Faithful Service."
No. 5: *w79* 1/15 pp. 3-5

July 13 Bible reading: Isaiah 24 to 28
No. 1: *cj* p. 63 ¶2 to p. 65 ¶3
No. 2: Isaiah 25:1-12
No. 3: *my* story 25
No. 4: *td* 37A "Why Do You Distribute Bible Literature?"
No. 5: *w79* 2/15 pp. 3, 4

July 20 Bible reading: Isaiah 29 to 32
No. 1: *cj* p. 66 ¶1 to p. 67 ¶2
No. 2: Isaiah 32:1-18
No. 3: *my* story 26
No. 4: *td* 38F "What Is the Scriptural View of Polygamy?"
No. 5: *w79* 3/1 pp. 3-5

July 27 Bible reading: Isaiah 33 to 36
No. 1: *cj* p. 68 ¶1 to p. 69 ¶1
No. 2: Isaiah 35:1-10
No. 3: *my* story 27
No. 4: *td* 39A "Why Could Mary Not Be the 'Mother of God'?"
No. 5: *w79* 3/15 pp. 3, 4

Aug. 3 Bible reading: Isaiah 37 to 40
No. 1: *cj* p. 70 ¶1 to p. 71 ¶2
No. 2: Isaiah 40:12-15, 21-31
No. 3: *my* story 28
No. 4: *td* 40A "What Is the Lord's Evening Meal?"
No. 5: *g78* 12/8 pp. 27, 28

Aug. 10 Bible reading: Isaiah 41 to 44
No. 1: *cj* p. 72 ¶1 to p. 74 ¶1
No. 2: Isaiah 43:8-13; 44:14-20
No. 3: *my* story 29
No. 4: *td* 41B "Do All Men Have Equal Opportunity to Be Saved?"
No. 5: *g78* 12/22 pp. 27, 28

Aug. 17 Bible reading: Isaiah 45 to 48
No. 1: *cj* p. 75 ¶1 to p. 76 ¶1
No. 2: Isaiah 45:11-19, 22-25
No. 3: *my* story 30
No. 4: *td* 42A "Why Are True Christians Persecuted?"
No. 5: *g79* 1/8 pp. 27, 28

Aug. 24 Bible reading: Isaiah 49 to 53
No. 1: *cj* p. 77 ¶1 to p. 79 ¶1
No. 2: Isaiah 53:1-12
No. 3: *my* story 31
No. 4: *td* 43C "Is It Wrong to Pray to Saints?"
No. 5: *g79* 1/22 pp. 27, 28

Aug. 31 Written Review. Complete Isaiah 19 to 53

Sept. 7 Bible reading: Isaiah 54 to 58
No. 1: *cj* p. 80 ¶1 to p. 82 ¶1
No. 2: Isaiah 55:1-13
No. 3: *my* story 32
No. 4: *td* 45B "When Will All Racial Problems Be Solved?"
No. 5: *w79* 4/1 pp. 3, 4

Sept. 14 Bible reading: Isaiah 59 to 62
No. 1: *cj* p. 82 ¶2 to p. 84 ¶1
No. 2: Isaiah 61:1-11
No. 3: *my* story 33
No. 4: *td* 46B "How Is Christ's Sacrifice a Corresponding Ransom?"
No. 5: *w79* 4/15 pp. 3-5

Sept. 21 Bible reading: Isaiah 63 to 66
No. 1: *cj* p. 84 ¶2 to p. 86 ¶3
No. 2: Isaiah 65:13-25
No. 3: *my* story 34
No. 4: *td* 47G "When People Say: 'There Is Good in All Religions.'"
No. 5: *w79* 5/1 pp. 3, 4

Sept. 28 Bible reading: Jeremiah 1 to 3
No. 1: *si* p. 124 ¶1 to p. 129 ¶40. "Jeremiah."
No. 2: Jeremiah 1:4-19
No. 3: *my* story 35
No. 4: *td* 48C "Was Jesus Resurrected Bodily as a Man of Flesh and Blood?"
No. 5: *w79* 5/1 pp. 8, 9

Oct. 5 Bible reading: Jeremiah 4 to 6
No. 1: *cj* p. 87 ¶1 to p. 89 ¶1
No. 2: Jeremiah 5:20-31
No. 3: *my* story 36
No. 4: *td* 49A "Is Christ's Return Visible to Humans?"
No. 5: *g79* 2/8 pp. 27, 28

Oct. 12 Bible reading: Jeremiah 7 to 9
No. 1: *cj* p. 89 ¶2 to p. 92 ¶1
No. 2: Jeremiah 8:8-22
No. 3: *my* story 37
No. 4: *td* 50C "Is House-to-House Witnessing on the 'Sabbath' Proper?"
No. 5: *g79* 2/22 pp. 27, 28

Oct. 19 Bible reading: Jeremiah 10 to 13
No. 1: *cj* p. 99 ¶1 to p. 101 ¶2
No. 2: Jeremiah 10:1-12, 23-25
No. 3: *my* story 38
No. 4: *td* 51D "Is 'Once Saved, Always Saved' Scriptural?"
No. 5: *g79* 3/8 pp. 27-29

Oct. 26 Written Review. Complete Isaiah 54 to Jeremiah 13

Nov. 2 Bible reading: Jeremiah 14 to 17
No. 1: *cj* p. 102 ¶1 to p. 104 ¶1
No. 2: Jeremiah 17:1-14
No. 3: *my* story 39
No. 4: *td* 52B "Can Science Save Mankind?"
No. 5: *w79* 5/15 pp. 3-6

Nov. 9 Bible reading: Jeremiah 18 to 21
No. 1: *cj* p. 104 ¶2 to p. 107 ¶1
No. 2: Jeremiah 20:7-18
No. 3: *my* story 40
No. 4: *td* 53F "What Is the Sin Against the Holy Spirit?"
No. 5: *w79* 6/15 pp. 3, 4

Nov. 16 Bible reading: Jeremiah 22 to 24
No. 1: *cj* p. 107 ¶2 to p. 110 ¶1
No. 2: Jeremiah 24:1-10
No. 3: *my* story 41
No. 4: *td* 54B "What Is the Difference Between Soul and Spirit?"
No. 5: *w79* 8/1 pp. 24, 25

Nov. 23 Bible reading: Jeremiah 25 to 27
No. 1: *cj* p. 110 ¶2 to p. 113 ¶1
No. 2: Jeremiah 25:27-38
No. 3: *my* story 42
No. 4: *td* 55A "What Is the Holy Spirit?"
No. 5: *w79* 8/15 pp. 3, 4

Nov. 30 Bible reading: Jeremiah 28 to 30
No. 1: *cj* p. 114 ¶1 to p. 117 ¶1
No. 2: Jeremiah 28:1-14
No. 3: *my* story 43
No. 4: *td* 56B "Must Christians Avoid All Superstition?"
No. 5: *w79* 9/1 pp. 3, 4

Dec. 7 Bible reading: Jeremiah 31 to 32
No. 1: *cj* p. 117 ¶2 to p. 120 ¶1
No. 2: Jeremiah 32:3-15, 25, 44
No. 3: *my* story 44
No. 4: *td* 59D "Why Has God Permitted Wickedness?"
No. 5: *g79* 3/22 pp. 27, 28

Dec. 14 Bible reading: Jeremiah 33 to 35
No. 1: *cj* p. 120 ¶2 to p. 123 ¶1
No. 2: Jeremiah 35:1-11, 18, 19
No. 3: *my* story 45
No. 4: *td* 59H "How Could Wickedness Originate in a Perfect Universe?"
No. 5: *g79* 4/8 pp. 28, 29

Dec. 21 Bible reading: Jeremiah 36 to 38
No. 1: *cj* p. 123 ¶2 to p. 125 ¶1
No. 2: Jeremiah 38:1-13
No. 3: *my* story 46
No. 4: *td* 60A "Is Witnessing to Others Required of All Christians?"
No. 5: *g79* 4/22 pp. 27, 28

Dec. 28 Written Review. Complete Jeremiah 14 to 38

Helping One Another (Part V):
To Make Advancement

[1] Since July *Our Kingdom Service* has given suggestions on how experienced publishers can help those desiring assistance in field service. Those receiving assistance no doubt deeply appreciate the loving efforts in their behalf. Those giving this assistance have undoubtedly learned from the experience and feel even closer to those with whom they have worked. —Rom. 1:11, 12.

[2] Are there any further ways that we can be of assistance to one another? Those working together can determine how long they will work as companions in service. After improving their ability to converse with people at the doors, some may request assistance in making return visits or in conducting studies. We are confident that those who can will continue rendering help. On the other hand, some who have been receiving help in a certain feature of field service may now be in a position to render assistance to others in their family or study group. We are confident that study conductors and service overseers will be pleased to give suggestions for your continued advancement.—1 Tim. 4:15.

[3] All can share in helping others in field service in some way. It is a help just to be mindful of arranging to work with others. Those who are already regular and skilled in field service are encouraged when they have someone with whom to work. Regular pioneers and auxiliary pioneers are especially appreciative of this. Even if you are not able to give regular assistance to a particular person in your study group, could you invite others to work in the field with you? Could you take an older publisher, a teen-ager, or a sickly one on your study with you?

[4] There may be those in the congregation who could make advancement if they were given just a little attention and encouragement. One older sister who had limited strength due to illness had a desire to pioneer. One of the traveling overseers took a little time to help her to organize her activity in a way that permitted her to spend a couple of hours in field service in the morning, then come home for rest. Later that afternoon, she completed her time in service scheduled for that day. She found this to be practical for her and easily exceeded her pioneer requirement. Regular or auxiliary pioneering has enabled many to make further advancement in their field service abilities. It has also enabled them to be of some assistance to more individuals in the congregation.

[5] Invitations and practical assistance have been instrumental in helping a number of youths to improve in their service. Some have gone into the regular pioneer work or Bethel service. This was achieved because someone cared and took time to help them. The results are still evident since some of these former youths are now using what they gained to help others.—2 Tim. 2:2.

[6] Helping others to make advancement is a continuing program. Intense love for others is the key to success. All will benefit since those who give to others gain an even 'greater happiness.' —Acts 20:35.

Meetings for Field Service (*Cont'd*)

children so that they enjoy working in field service? And how can those who need assistance benefit the most from more experienced publishers?

NOVEMBER 26–DECEMBER 2
Field Service During Inclement Weather

1. How can consideration be shown for householder when weather is cold or wet?
2. What have you done to get invited into homes?
3. If not invited in, have you continued to give entire presentation?

Youths . . . Involved? (*Cont'd*)

advancement manifest in the Theocratic School by diligent and earnest efforts to make each of your assignments progressively better. Always take such assignments seriously and follow through on the personal counsel given to you by the school overseer. The young Christian Timothy was "well reported on by the brothers in Lystra and Iconium," no doubt because he applied himself well in his family life and because he became involved in the Christian activities of the congregation.—Acts 16:1, 2.

[5] Adults, encourage youths to be involved. Parents, train your children in a way that builds within them the desire to share in various activities of pure worship.

Announcements

● Literature offer for November: Three pocket-size books: *Holy Spirit*, *Great Teacher* and *This Life* for $1.00. Also, if congregations have any of the *Man's Salvation* or *Know Jehovah* books in stock, you may include one of these in the combination for $1.00. December: *New World Translation* and a 50-cent book that congregation has in stock for $2.50. January: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 with one of the following books as a free gift: *Great Teacher, Holy Spirit, Word of God* or *Man's Salvation*. February and March: Any of the 50-cent books in congregation stock except *Choosing the Best Way of Life, Commentary on James, Family Life, Truth* or *School Guidebook*.

● The Society now has a limited supply of the following publications in grade-two English Braille: *My Book of Bible Stories,* (4 volumes) and *Bible Topics for Discussion,* (1 volume). The publications may be obtained on a free loan basis or purchased and kept permanently. A remittance should accompany orders if purchased. The book is $5; booklet, $1. Orders for Braille publications should be sent to the attention of the Society's Braille Desk. They should not be included on congregation literature orders, nor should Braille publications be stocked by the congregation.

● Congregation secretaries should send the Pioneer Information Report form (S-207) to the Society immediately if they have not already done so. This must be sent even if there are no pioneers in the congregation.

● *Yearbooks* of previous years are available in the following languages:

1976: Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish
1977: Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish
1978: Dutch, English, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish

Those who want copies of these older *Yearbooks* should order them through their congregation, at 15c each.

● New Publications Available:
Making Your Family Life Happy —Japanese
Is There a God Who Cares?—Gaelic
"Singing and Accompanying Yourselves with Music in Your Hearts" (Deluxe edition) —Dutch, Swedish

● Available Again in U.S.A.:
Listening to the Great Teacher —Korean

● Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
1978 *Watchtower* and *Awake!* bound volumes —Dutch

● On October 1, 1979, the Society mailed a letter to congregations with Kingdom Hall insurance through the Society. Congregation secretaries for these congregations will please consider the letter carefully and discuss it with the body of elders at the next elders' meeting.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Is This Life All There Is?*:

November 4: Pages 139 to 145*
November 11: Pages 145 to 150
November 18: Pages 151 to 156*
November 25: Pages 156 to 163

* To subheading.

Take the lead yourselves so that your sons and daughters will want to follow your fine example in supporting Christian meetings and activities alongside you.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Being Versatile

[1] To be versatile means "embracing a variety of subjects, fields, or skills; also: turning with ease from one thing to another." Can we develop this quality more fully in November and the months to come as we talk about the Kingdom and its blessings?

[2] To illustrate, many skilled musicians are able to play a wide variety of music, bringing pleasure to their listeners. Like these musicians, we need to become versatile in making melody to our God. The psalmist declared at Psalm 146:2: "I will praise Jehovah during my lifetime. I will MAKE MELODY ["make music," *Byington*] to my God as long as I am." Jehovah has equipped us today to make music beautiful to the ears of honest-hearted ones, surpassing what any human can produce on a musical instrument. If we have developed versatility in our presentations, we can stir the hearts of truth seekers by skillfully sharing the good news. The greater our versatility, the greater the likelihood of our reaching the hearts of sheeplike ones.

[3] We would not expect one who has recently started in field service to be as versatile as one with many years of experience. The new publisher would be limited and quite possibly shy in dealing with the varied situations he may encounter. With experience and loving assistance, he should soon learn to deal effectively with the many situations encountered at the doors. In fact, within a year or two many have been able to develop skill in the house-to-house work as well as on return visits and Bible studies. This was accomplished with effort and usually some assistance.

[4] One key to success is to be ready and alert to change subjects when the householder is not interested in what we are saying, or prefers to discuss another subject. If you start talking about the "Kingdom Blessings Near" and plan to read Psalm 72:12-14, 16, but find the family in grief over the recent death of a loved one, you would not likely hold the householder's attention if you insisted on carrying to completion the current Topic for Conversation. You would truly be fulfilling your commission to comfort and encourage those who need it (2 Cor. 1:4; Mark 13:10) if you opened your Bible to what Jehovah promised at John 5:28, 29; Revelation 21:3, 4; John 11:25 or other scriptures.

[5] After our opening comments, we frequently encounter standard objections or viewpoints, which the householder feels should turn us away. These may or may not be sincere, but regardless, they should usually be acknowledged. When the householder says, "I have my own religion," do we say, "We talk to people of all religions," and continue with our planned presentation? Or could we say something like this: "It is a pleasure to find some people who are still interested in spiritual matters. We are not in a membership drive or selling for a church, but we stopped by today to share with you God's promise that there will soon be an 'abundance of peace' through the Kingdom under Christ Jesus. Notice how this was foretold in Psalm 72:7." This is just one example of how such an objection could be effectively answered.

[6] Since it is our hope that someday all mankind on earth will be making beautiful music to Jehovah by praising him in united worship, we are inspired now to greater efforts to be versatile in presenting the good news. Thus Jehovah may yet use us to have an even greater share in helping many more to praise his glorious name.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ For the first time Japan has gone over the 50,000 mark, reporting 50,473 publishers during August. Also, 777 applied for regular pioneer service.

◆ Dominica and the Dominican Republic report no deaths or injuries among the brothers although hurricane "David" destroyed many of their homes.

◆ Encouraging field service reports for July include a new peak of 5,269 publishers for Guatemala.

◆ Venezuela reported 14,560 publishers for July. Further increases are anticipated with 15,418 home Bible studies being conducted and a new peak of 1,020 auxiliary pioneers.

Public Talks for January

We are pleased to announce that during the month of January 1980 we will have four public talks based on the new book *Choosing the Best Way of Life.* The titles for these talks and the chapters of the book that they are based on are listed below:

1. Sticking with the Right Choice (Chapters 1-4)
2. Following Christ's Example in Submission (Chapters 5, 6)
3. Maintaining Fine Conduct Even When Suffering (Chapters 7, 8)
4. What Will Help to Keep Us Strong? (Chapters 9-11)

There will be no outlines provided by the Society for these talks. Assigned speakers should develop their own outlines for these 45-minute talks. They can use the chapter headings and subheadings in developing the main points. The speakers will want to adhere closely to the material in the book as they deliver their talks. By sticking to the material in the book they will help the brothers to become more familiar with some of the main points in the publication. This, in turn, will equip the brothers to feature the book when it is offered in the field service.

We are confident that all in the congregations will benefit from these talks that will help us to get the highlights of the new book, *Choosing the Best Way of Life,* in mind. With good preparation, elders having the privilege of delivering these talks will have a fine opportunity to teach and spiritually stimulate the brothers. Thus all will be better equipped to use the material on First and Second Peter found in this new book.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Kingdom Blessings Near.—Ps. 72: 12-14, 16.

1. Jehovah will deliver oppressed souls.
2. God's kingdom will bring an end to violence, oppression and hunger.

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	666	120.4	100.0	36.7	3.7
Pios.	13,956	71.9	59.0	28.2	3.1
Aux. Pios.	13,010	59.5	46.1	17.6	1.4
Pubs.	505,594	8.6	9.1	3.6	.4
TOTAL	533,226				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,585

August registered a 3-percent increase in publishers over last year's average. In addition to more time being spent in spreading the Kingdom message, 159,107 more return visits were made and 22,576 more home Bible studies were conducted than in August 1978. It was most encouraging to see 896 new regular pioneers during the month. May we all continue to press forward with greater determination to make known our living hope.

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Meetings for Field Service

DECEMBER 3-9

Using the Bible and a Book

1. What presentation are you using to offer the Bible and book?
2. What have you found in the book that you feel will interest those in your territory? Why?
3. How can you offer the Bible and/or the book informally or when making return visits and conducting studies?

DECEMBER 10-16

If Time Element Involved

1. How do you handle the remark "I am busy"?
2. Why is discernment important in determining if the householder is truly busy? (Matt. 7:12)
3. Under what circumstances could a brief attempt be made to interest the householder or leave literature?

DECEMBER 17-23

Meeting the Challenge of the Holiday Season

1. What can we say when people wish us "Merry Christmas" and/or "Happy New Year"?
2. How do you deal with extra contributions?
3. Why is this a good time of year to contact persons with the good news?

DECEMBER 24-30

Holiday Witnessing

1. What type of presentation would be appropriate during this season?
2. Why will tactfulness add luster to our message? (Col. 4:6)
3. How can we show consideration for householders?

"Take Up the Complete Suit of Armor"—Now!

1 True Christians do not share in carnal warfare. However, they are engaged in a battle and are likened to soldiers. The apostle Paul outlined clearly that the fight of the Christian is not against blood and flesh, but against "the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places." (Eph. 6:12) Protective spiritual armor is required in order to survive this conflict. This armor must be acquired and worn NOW, while the battle is on, and not be thought of merely as something needed for the future.

2 Let us consider some of the basic equipment needed in order to wage successful warfare now.

3 HELMET: A basic part of the defensive armor; headgear designed to protect a soldier during battle. Spiritually, our mind must be protected from improper influences and ungodly propaganda. It must be fed proper, upbuilding information from the Bible by personal, family and congregational study. How much this impresses upon us the need to attend and actively participate in the congregational meetings! Also, how vital the family arrangement is for Bible considerations and discussions in the home! Individually, we must meditate upon the truth and our hope of salvation. Do you do this? The positive "hope of salvation" that God has imparted can be powerful enough to protect our mental powers just as a helmet protects the head.—1 Thess. 5:8.

4 BREASTPLATE: An armored breast protection for warriors, consisting of chains, scales or solid metal. The "breastplate of righteousness" is part of the spiritual armor of God. The need for righteousness as a protective breastplate can readily be appreciated when we consider the sinful bent of the heart. (Gen. 8:21; Jer. 17:9) Only the righteousness that is based on faith in God's arrangement for everlasting life and that is brought about by his spirit can prevent the heart from yielding to sinful inclinations. (Rom. 6:15-20) Are you endeavoring to grow in love for God's righteousness and to practice it in your dealings with others each day?

5 GIRDLE: A leather belt worn around the waist and hips. It varied

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Parents—What Are Your Children Learning?

1 To learn means "to gain knowledge or understanding . . . by study, instruction." Parents can and should actively promote and participate in the spiritual development of their children, for this is Biblical. (Deut. 6:6, 7) With this purpose in view, *My Book of Bible Stories* has proved to be a valuable tool.

2 The capacity a child has for learning is great. A difficult language is usually learned easily, with little conscious effort being put forth on the part of the child. The mind of a young child is like a clean slate, which can be written upon with ease. Much more is being accomplished by the study of this book than just memorizing stories. Consider the moral lesson in the case of a small child as told in a letter from his family: "Our baby Samuel is 18 months old and can't say much yet. But he understands the meaning behind the beautiful large pictures. He knows, for example, not to hit kitty with a stick because Jehovah didn't like Cain anymore after he did that to Abel."

3 One way thinking ability can be developed is by asking questions, particularly using the question, Why? For example, Why did Adam and Eve sin against God and eat the fruit? Why was that bad? Why should they have listened to God? If your mother tells you not to eat cookies or cake that she has prepared for supper, why should you obey her? If an elder asks all the brothers to sit down because it is time for a meeting to start, why should you do it? If schoolmates want you to disobey your parents or what the Bible says, why should you resist them? Questions of this nature help a child to develop thinking ability and to prepare him for the future.

4 Teaching in the family in ancient Israel was primarily the responsibility of the father, with the mother assisting. (Prov. 1:8) What were some of the things the Hebrews taught their children? Fear of Jehovah. (Ps. 34:11) To honor their father and mother. (Ex. 20:12) To respect older persons. (Lev. 19:32) Obedience. (Prov. 4:1) Practical training for adult living. (Eccl. 12:13, 14) Education in reading and writing.

5 For Christian living today, the

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 2

5 min: Song 84 and local announcements.

20 min: "Take Up the Complete Suit of Armor—Now!" Introduce part by reading Ephesians 6:10-17. Have all keep Bibles open to these texts. Have each paragraph read and ask appropriate questions.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures.*" Assign publishers ahead of time to look up and comment on specific references in article outlining how they can be used. Demonstrate presentation most appropriate for territory. Use a regular or an auxiliary pioneer if available.

15 min: "How I Got the Truth." Experiences. Elder interviews two or three individuals or families. It is preferred that those interviewed do not read or memorize what they are going to say. Elder can skillfully ask questions and draw out information, such as when individual first heard of truth, how contacted, what previously believed, problems encountered, and so forth. Help the brothers to know and appreciate one another more.

5 min: Song 6 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 9

5 min: Song 22 and local announcements.

15 min: Jesus' Instructions for Field Service Activity. Service overseer considers selected verses of Matthew 10 and applies to field service activity in local territory. Have verses read by audience and discuss material drawing out brothers with questions. Vss. 5, 6: territory assignment. Vs. 7: theme of preaching. Vss. 11-14: search out deserving ones; have prayerful concern for them; greet householder; do not waste time arguing with opposers; do not allow opposers to rob you of your peace and joy. Vs. 16: attitude and conduct as respects the world. Vss. 17-20: opposition and persecution expected; be confident and trust in Jehovah. Vss. 24-28: why opposition comes; let your light shine and resist tendency to be fearful. Vss. 40-42: recognize privilege we have of providing people with opportunity to hear and react to message about Kingdom. Conclude with direction relative to local field service arrangements. Encourage all to have faith in Jehovah's direction, and find joy in field service activity for the week.

15 min: Elders may develop this part locally or have talk on *Watchtower* article "Bible Translations—Does It Matter Which One?" from August 15, 1979, *Watchtower,* pages 13-16.

20 min: "Parents—What Are Your Children Learning?" Talk on article for 10 minutes. Then invite three or four children to platform with their *Bible Stories* book. Have them consider pictures and meaning of what took place in Stories 2, 3 and 4. By means of questions contrast Stories 2 and 3 with Story 4 to show the bad results of disobedience. Make sure points are clear. By questions get their understanding on matters and the moral lessons the Bible contains.

5 min: Song 30 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 16

10 min: Introduction, song 72, local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: "You Must Show Consideration for Older Persons." Questions and answers. Have audience read scriptures and apply. Should be handled in warm, upbuilding way.

15 min: "Imitate Their Faith." (Heb. 13:7) Interview. Invite several older persons to the platform, or may use those who have served faithfully for many years. Questions and comments should be thoroughly reviewed in advance highlighting blessings of faithfulness and Jehovah's goodness. By using specific questions, chairman will bring out richness and flavor of personal experiences to stimulate and encourage congregation. Warmly commend older ones for their fine example. Reassure that whatever they can do is well-pleasing to Jehovah even though personal circumstances may greatly limit activity. Draw on principle at Mark 12:41-44, encouraging all to imitate their fine example.

15 min: Encourage Holiday Witnessing. Service overseer will handle this part announcing arrangements for field service during this period. Consider special problems arising at this time of year in your territory and what may be done to handle these effectively. Have brothers prepared to comment on how they handle householders' remarks such as "I'm busy," "I'm going shopping," "I'm preparing a meal," "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year," and so forth. Emphasize need for tact and discernment. Show how witness can be given when householder is busy by briefly offering two magazines or a book and then leaving with a promise to call back and discuss the literature at a more convenient time. Some find success in raising a single question that one scripture can answer. If the householder is interested, the answer can be shared with him then. Otherwise a return visit can be arranged. Have two brief demonstrations of the above suggestions. Stress need for Christian reasonableness and discernment. (See 12/77 *km,* p. 4, for additional information.)

5 min: Song 38 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 23

18 min: Song 116. Appropriate items from Announcements; also local announcements. Consider Theocratic School Schedule for 1980. In reviewing schedule emphasize manner in which *Commentary on James* is to be considered. (Assign to school overseer.)

12 min: Elders may develop this part locally or have talk on *Watchtower* article "Jehovah Blesses Those Who Exert Themselves Vigorously" from August 1, 1979, *Watchtower,* pages 27, 28.

15 min: Review major items considered in the December *km* using some of the following questions and others that may be appropriate to your congregation: (1) Have Ephesians 6:10-17 read and ask: "How have you applied this counsel in your life?" (2) Parents, in what practical ways have you been using the *Bible Stories* book to instruct your children? (3) Children, how has the *Bible Stories* book helped you? (4) What viewpoint should older ones in the congregation have regarding their service to Jehovah, even when this may be severely limited by the physical problems that come with advancing years? (Luke 21:1-4) (5) Mention things you have done or could do to encourage or assist older ones in the congregation. (6) What presentation have you enjoyed using to offer the Bible and book?

10 min: Question Box. Elder discusses the points with audience.

5 min: Song 77 and prayer.

Children Learning? *(Cont'd)*

same basic principles must be taught to our children. It brings real pleasure to our hearts to see these young ones learn of Jehovah and acquire thinking ability, and just imagine how it must please Jehovah. *My Book of Bible Stories* is a wonderful aid for parents in teaching their children. So, from time to time on our service meeting program, we will include a discussion of portions of *My Book of Bible Stories* with a few children. Specific stories will be considered. The one assigned this material with the children will pose simple questions in order to draw out their comments, such as, What is the story about? What do we learn from the picture? Why should we either follow that example or not follow it? Have them explain the meaning of what they are learning. This is similar to what was presented in the drama about young Samuel a few years ago. His father had taught him the '10 Words' (Ten Commandments). However, he was not just to memorize them, but was to be able to explain them, thus revealing understanding. Whether conducting this portion with children on the platform or studying with them at home, help them to acquire understanding and display thinking ability.

⁶ Parents will want to study the material with their children beforehand, and yet not prepare them with rehearsed answers. Encourage ALL children in the congregation to bring their *Bible Stories* book to the meeting when this portion is considered. Our children make up a large and valuable part of the Christian congregation, and we know that all will enjoy and benefit from their participation in the program. They too are included in the expression: "Every breathing thing—let it praise Jah."—Ps. 150:6.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	740	127.8	104.0	38.4	3.8
Pios.	15,151	85.5	63.2	29.2	3.1
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You Must Show Consideration for Older Persons

1 “I really enjoy my association with older ones in our congregation. Their strong faith and depth of love for Jehovah are so upbuilding and encouraging to me.” Expressions like these are heard in congregations where our faithful older brothers and sisters are serving. How happy we are to show consideration for these dear ones!—Lev. 19:32.

2 Although suffering from various health problems, many older brothers serve as elders and ministerial servants. What a fine example they are to us! When the limitations of age prevent them from doing as much as they would like to do now, there is no need for them to step aside, feeling they are no longer serving the congregation. On the contrary, older ones are of great benefit to the entire congregation. We are blessed by their steadfast and faithful example over the years as well as their counsel and mature judgment. We can all heartily agree that “gray-headedness is a crown of beauty when it is found in the way of righteousness.”—Prov. 16:31.

3 Older women also have a fine influence upon the congregation. At Titus 2:2-10 Paul spoke not only of older men, but also of older women and what they could do to “adorn” the truth. The fine examples of older men and women who share regularly in field service each month in spite of the infirmities of age are an inspiration to many who, even without handicaps, do not equal their zeal and devotion. Some of our older ones are limited as to how many hours at a time may be spent in house-to-house work or in street witnessing. Yet, when we see their determination, are we not encouraged to imitate their strong faith and the spirit they show? (Phil. 4:23) And, what about their fine example in being on time for the meetings each week even though in some cases this may be difficult. Too, which one of us does not listen carefully to their thoughtful comments reflecting the wisdom and modesty they have accumulated during many years of faithful service.

4 But how can we personally follow the counsel at Leviticus 19:32 to “show consideration for the person of an old man”? Earlier in this verse we read: “Before gray hair you should rise up,” indicating that younger persons should demonstrate a respectful attitude toward older ones. Paul counseled that we should consider others superior to us. (Phil. 2:3) If that is true among all in the Christian congregation, how much more so when the one involved has actually demonstrated love for Jehovah and his Christian brothers by works of faith and deeds of godly devotion over many years. Truly they have earned our respect.

5 Occasionally a report is received that an older brother or sister who is confined to bed may feel neglected due to lack of regular encouraging visits. While we may not have known them personally or been closely associated with them in the past, yet this does not alter our spiritual relationship with them. It is really a basic Christian responsibility to care for such ones, particularly when they are members of our families. (1 Tim. 5:8) Lovingly caring for older members of the congregation and particularly our family members is a basic Christian principle that cannot be disregarded by those who love Jehovah. (Mark 7:10; 1 John 3:17, 18; 4:7, 8) All of us should demonstrate our loving concern for their physical and spiritual welfare.

6 When working our territory, there are a number of ways that we can show consideration for older brothers and sisters. For example, it may be possible to arrange groups so as to minimize the necessity of elderly ones climbing many stairs or hills when going from door to door. Whenever possible, assistance may also be provided to aid older brothers and sisters to make return visits or to get to and from Bible studies where public transportation is inconvenient or considerable distance is involved. Can arrangements also be made to transport them to and from the Kingdom Hall for the meetings or even to assist them to shop for the necessities of life? We can be certain that our love as expressed through our care and concern will be deeply appreciated by our older brothers.

7 If we are thoughtful, we will find that there are many ways to show love to one another. Such unselfish giving brings joy and happiness to the entire congregation. John encouraged: “Let us love, neither in word nor with the tongue, but in deed and truth.” (1 John 3:18) Yes, young and old alike benefit from an interchange of encouragement as each one gives of himself in accord with his abilities and circumstances.—Acts 20:35; Rom. 1:12.

8 The apostle Paul recognized “that God makes all his works cooperate together for the good of . . . the ones called according to his purpose.” (Rom. 8:28) How happy we are to benefit so richly from the treasure house of knowledge and experience many of our older brothers and sisters have accumulated over the years!

Announcements

● After January 1, 1980, congregations may submit orders for the 1979 bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* These will be available in English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Order Dutch and German after February 15. Volumes are $3.00 each. There are no pioneer rates. PAYMENT SHOULD NOT ACCOMPANY ORDERS. These will be charged to the congregation's literature account.

● Congregation accounts should be audited on December 1, or as soon as possible thereafter, by the presiding overseer or someone he appoints.

● During their meeting in December, elders should review arrangements for providing assistance to brothers in the book study groups. The secretary should keep book study conductors informed of the publishers who may need attention in their respective groups. A written list with needed information should be supplied every three months. Thus a list will be available when the service overseer visits each book study.

● Please study carefully the instructions in the Theocratic School Schedule for 1980. You will note that adjustments have been made in the timing allotted for presentations as well as the manner in which they should be handled. School overseer will want to be sure that all in the congregation understand the new arrangements.

● Literature offer for December is the *New World Translation* and any 50c book you may have in stock except *Truth, Family Life, Choosing, Commentary on James* and the *School Guidebook*. January: *Watchtower* subscription for $2.50 with one of the following books as a free gift: *Great Teacher, Holy Spirit, World Government* or *Man's Salvation*. February and March: Any of the 50-cent books in congregation stock except *Choosing, Commentary on James, Family Life, Truth* or *School Guidebook*. If needed, following books may be ordered: *Great Teacher, Holy Spirit, Man's Salvation* and *World Government*.

● New Publications Available:

Making Your Family Life Happy —Finnish, French, Italian, Korean
Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand! —French
Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century —French, Norwegian
Acts of Apostles (Cassette recordings) —Finnish

● Available in Braille:

Cassette recordings of *Acts of Apostles* in English with Braille labels for use by the blind. Obtain by writing Society's Braille Desk and remitting $3.00 for each set at time of ordering. Cassettes should not be stocked by congregation.

A limited supply of the brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* (1 volume) in grade-two English Braille. May obtain on a free loan basis or purchase and keep permanently for a remittance of $1.00. Address orders to attention of Society's Braille Desk. These items should not be included in congregation literature orders nor stocked by the congregation.

● *Family Life* book to be used in congregation book study in January.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

God's Promise of Something New. —2 Pet. 3:13.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With the "New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures"

[1] Every reasonable person wants to live. However, today many people do very little to prolong life. Overindulgences and excesses seem to be the order of the day. Violence and civil disorders are spreading to parts of the earth formerly noted for peace and for law-abiding citizens. Reports continue to be published that respect for life seems to be at an all-time low.

[2] However, we know that if a person follows God's Word, the Bible, his life will be affected for good. Jehovah will lengthen his days and add years to his life. —Prov. 3:1, 2.

[3] We have a valuable aid in the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and what a privilege is ours to offer it together with a book for a contribution of $2.50. We should be ready with talking points that might appeal to those searching for the way to life. In the following paragraphs are some suggestions you may wish to use in presenting the Bible and book.

[4] If you feel the householder is a religiously inclined person, after introducing yourself you may wish to say: "Many persons are interested in bettering their way of life and so follow some religion. But they are still unhappy. Part of this unhappiness stems from their failure to find fellowship with others in a real international Christian brotherhood. Well, such an international brotherhood is going to be a reality earth wide. Note the words here at 2 Peter 3:13. [Read.] The Bible will help you learn more about God's promises. May I leave this clear, English translation with you together with this book, both for $2.50?"

[5] There is another way you may highlight the value of the *New World Translation* in aiding the reader to get a quicker, clearer understanding of scriptures. For example, after introducing yourself you might say: "Some reports say that more and more husbands and wives are disagreeing. Some are even getting divorces after having been married for some time. However, the Bible has valuable counsel on how one could avoid disagreements and divorce. To illustrate, notice how helpful this *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* is in its concordance section. Here under the word 'Husband(s)' some fine scripture references are found. See what it says about a husband and a wife?" (Read phrases from the following: Eph. 5:25 and 1 Pet. 3:1.) "Other fine subjects are found in this concordance of more than 100 pages. May I leave the Bible and this book for $2.50?" Of course, other words from the concordance may be selected depending on what you feel works best. You may use the word "Earth" and tie in 2 Peter 3:13, highlighting God's promise for something new.

[6] In whatever way we offer the Bible, our goal is to have each honest-hearted one who can, take the Bible and read it together with the book. An enthusiastic presentation of this fine publication will certainly help us reach honest-hearted ones with the good news.

Question Box

● In the June, 1977, *Our Kingdom Service*, the question was asked: "What is the proper view of commercial activities within the congregation?" Are the answers given under Question Box still the proper view?

Yes, what was there stated still applies. Probably the expression "commercial activities" has not been clearly understood by some. The fact that advertisements or other literature from individual Jehovah's Witnesses or organizations with which they are affiliated may indicate that certain benefits may accrue to members of the congregation, does not take such activities outside the realm of "commercial activities."

The Kingdom Hall should not be used as an 'agency' to advertise any 'business.' Let us use it for the purpose it is intended to serve, namely, the worship of Jehovah.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Is This Life All There Is?*:

December 2:	Pages 164 to 169*
December 9:	Pages 169 to 175
December 16:	Pages 176 to 182*
December 23:	Pages 182 to 190
December 30:	Review of entire book.

* To subheading.

"Take Up . . . Armor" *(Cont'd)*

in width from two to six inches and was often studded with plates of iron, silver or gold. Girding up the loins indicated readiness for action. (1 Ki. 18:46) Paul admonished: "Stand firm, therefore, with your loins girded about with truth." The truth strengthens the embattled Christian in his determination to remain firm when subjected to trialsome situations.

[6] SHIELD: Paul recommended the "large shield of faith" as an instrument to "quench all the wicked one's burning missiles." Similarly, our faith in Jehovah God, our total reliance on him, enables us to bear up under all kinds of tribulations. This faith is not a mere belief in the existence of the Creator. (Heb. 11:6) It includes unbreakable confidence that our heavenly Father will undo any hurt that we may experience, even death itself. (Matt. 10:28) Do you have this faith?

[7] SWORD: In the Scriptures the sword is the most frequently mentioned weapon of offense and defense. Many were double-edged—cutting from both sides—and were kept sharp and in excellent repair. The Word of God is said to be "sharper than any two-edged sword." Christian spiritual armor includes "the sword of the spirit, that is, God's word." (Eph. 6:17) It can be used offensively to proclaim the truth. Defensively it can ward off false teachings and traditions of men. During the month of December put forth a real effort to use the Bible in your field service activity. Share fully in handling the "sword" aright in directing meek ones to the truth. By sharing our knowledge with others, we are enabled to 'overturn reasonings and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God.' —2 Cor. 10:5.

[8] SANDALS: Footgear is also needed. The foot soldier relies upon his feet for transportation and mobility. Rapid, dependable movement is a prerequisite. As a part of the spiritual readiness, the Christian soldier has feet "shod with the equipment of the good news." How delightful it is when our feet carry us to the homes of others with a view to helping them. Even while undergoing hardships, our active participation and regular share in making known the "good news" to others can help us to endure faithfully.

[9] Are you 'completely equipped, ready for every good work'? Is all equipment in place and secure? Will you come off victorious in the most crucial battle? Do you see the need to have all the armor now? It is a serious matter. All of God's people must be conscious of the need to "stand firm" in these difficult days. To do so, the spiritual armor provided by Jehovah is needed. There is a place for each individual piece of equipment. Be sure you are fully equipped. Stand firm in determination to be steadfast in your faith. Come off victorious in your fight against wicked spirits each day and in the final battle impending!